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## Solano Avenue livens up holidays

Entertainment and plenty of shopping will mark the season

 By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

Stephanie Taylor, the owner of the toy store Five Little Monkeys on Solano Avenue, recalled her grandmother taking her to Solano Avenue when she was a little girl, riding a cable car-style bus and enjoying a family outing.

The Solano Avenue Association and the Albany Chamber of Commerce are keeping the traditions alive, again bringing entertainment to Solano Avenue, and encouraging residents to shop and experience the holiday season in Berkeley and Albany.

"There's always something happening, always something happening on the street somewhere," said Lisa Bullwinkel, the director of the Solano Avenue Association.

Musicians, carolers, face painters and more will be set up on street corners on Saturday and Sunday, the weekends of Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, and from Monday Dec. 20 through Friday, Dec. 24. Performances will begin at 1 and 3 p.m.

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DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

## COLORFUL HARVEST

**FUYU PERSIMMONS** brighten a display at the El Cerrito Plaza farmers market Tuesday. Fuyus are harvested to eat while they're still crunchy, unlike hachiya persimmons, which need to ripen until they're soft. The fuyu persimmon season is from about October to January; these were grown at Paredes farms in Visalia.

## El Cerrito police commander to retire Dec. 10

Daniel Hurley says he knows it is time to go when there is no one left with seniority over him

 By Karl Fischer  
STAFF WRITER

**EL CERRITO** — During his three decades at the police department, Cmdr. Daniel Hurley used to watch the older officers and wonder how they knew when it was time to retire.

As years passed, those officers disappeared one by one from the lineup room. Eventually, this 29-year department veteran watched his contemporaries retire.

Hurley, 54, says he knows now when it's time to go: When



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

**EL CERRITO POLICE COMMANDER** Daniel Hurley, at the station Thursday, Dec. 2, is the department's longest-tenured officer.

there's nobody left ahead of you in seniority.

"I've done just about every job

here at some point ... (but) there was always someone here with five, eight, 10 more years experience than me," Hurley said.

"That was the case right up until last year."

El Cerrito's longest-tenured officer will retire Dec. 10, taking with him a slice of his department's history. Few remain in the building who remember Police Chief Scott Kirkland in 1979.

That year, Hurley was the field training officer for a recruit by that name.

"He was always a special officer. He was tenacious. Dan was a great street cop and a great detective," Kirkland said. "It's always difficult to lose someone with 30 years at a small department ... when he's gone, there will be nobody left who remembers those four or five years before any of the rest of us arrived."

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## Project proposal draws concern

Residents have until Jan. 3 to comment on a plan for BART parking, condos and child care at El Cerrito Plaza

 By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

**EL CERRITO** — Residents questioned and criticized a plan Wednesday night that would put a BART parking garage, child-care center and adjacent condominium development on the southeast corner of El Cerrito Plaza, saying the project wasn't necessary and would have a greater effect on neighbors than a recent report indicates.

"Housing is needed," said resident Ann Lehman. "Parking is needed. This project is not needed."

Lehman was one of 13 people who spoke of about 40 residents who attended the El Cerrito planning commission meeting to make comments on the draft subsequent environmental impact (SEIR) report for the controversial plaza development.

Residents have until Jan. 3 at 4 p.m. to comment about the SEIR, which will be responded to in a final document and then brought to the planning commission for a decision about whether to certify it. Certification of the SEIR is needed for the project to move forward.

The development is composed of 97 condominium units, a 5,000 square foot child-care center and a 500-car garage, with 400 spaces dedicated to BART users, said El Cerrito associate planner Lee Huo.

Several residents at the meeting, including Lehman, believed people would not use the parking garage and that it would create more traffic circulation problems at El Cerrito Plaza.

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## HOLIDAYS ON SOLANO

WHAT: Holiday attractions on Solano Avenue, including entertainers, free bus rides, a visit from Santa Claus and more.

WHERE: Albany and Berkeley

WHEN: Starting Dec. 11 through Dec. 24

INFORMATION: Call the Solano Avenue Association at 510-527-5358 or the Albany Chamber of Commerce at 510-525-1771.

## A tale of three hardware stores

Merchant ponders future competition after planning commissioners OK a use permit for Orchard Supply

 By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

**EL CERRITO** — Vacant for three years, the former HomeLife furniture store on Eastshore Boulevard may be getting a new tenant. The El Cerrito Planning Commission voted 5-0 Wednesday to approve a use permit for Orchard Supply Hardware to remodel the 30,807-square-foot building and add a 10,000-square-foot outdoor nursery.

Jeffrey Pryde, a manager at long-time San Pablo Avenue business Pastime Hardware, questioned whether the amount of tax revenue

Orchard could generate will make up for the amount of business it may take from other stores.

"They're going to pull from us and they're going to pull from Home Depot," Pryde said earlier in the week. "Can the city of El Cerrito truly support three hardware stores?"

The question was also raised at the planning commission meeting. Commissioners and city planning staff said the commission was legally not in a position to oppose the store based on how it competes with other El Cerrito businesses.

"How the competition shakes out between these two is not something the planning commission can intrude on," said commissioner Kathleen McKinley.

Commissioners also stressed that Pastime would likely weather any competition because it's a well-known business that draws customers regionally.

"I'm not sure the impact would be what you think it is because you provide such a unique business," said commissioner Sojeila Maria Silva.

However, Silva asked whether the city had analyzed what the effects of new competitors would be on existing businesses.

Planning manager Jennifer Carman said planning staff would research it and get back to the commission with the findings.

"We can't consider this (competition) in our decision," Silva asked.

"No," Carman responded.

"All right," Silva said.

The HomeLife Building is located at 1751 Eastshore Boulevard, between Hill Avenue and Interstate 80. The project would have 147 parking spaces, 16 more than what is required.

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MARK DUFRENE/STAFF

THE VACANT HomeLife Furniture Outlet building is targeted for an Orchard Supply Hardware store.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Albany

## Report for condo garage on agenda

A forum to discuss the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the El Cerrito Plaza Condominium and parking garage development will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m., in the multi-purpose room at Cornell Elementary School in Albany, 920 Talbot Ave. El Cerrito and Albany residents are encouraged to attend and learn more about the proposed development, and to submit concerns regarding the SEIR to the city, prior to Jan. 3.

The draft SEIR is available online at [www.el-cerrito.org](http://www.el-cerrito.org), at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. and at City Hall, at San Pablo and Manila avenues. A final environmental report, incorporating resident comments, will ultimately go before the city's planning commission for approval.

The meeting is sponsored by the North Albany Neighborhood Association and Plaza Neighbors. For more details about the meeting call the Plaza Neighbors information line at 510-731-0202. The El Cerrito planning department can be reached at 510-215-4330.

## Council to hear appeal over antenna

An appeal of a planning and zoning commission decision allowing nine wireless communications antennas at 1530 Solano Ave. will be heard by the Albany City Council at its Monday, Dec. 6 meeting. On Sept. 14, the planning and zoning commission approved a conditional use permit and design review for Metro PCs and Nextel Communications to install the antennas and ground equipment, which would be located at what was the Jerome Blank Realty Building. Three Peralta Avenue residents are appealing the decision. The meeting will be held at the City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue at 8 p.m. For details call 510-528-5760.

## Holiday party, silent auction scheduled

The Albany Chamber of Commerce and the Mechanic's Bank are sponsoring an annual holiday party and silent auction on Thursday, Dec. 9, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Mechanic's Bank, 801 San Pablo Ave. The event will include food, a no-host bar and live jazz, and a fund-raiser "reality" game. A portion of the money raised will be donated to the YMCA Youth Scholarship Fund. RSVP by Dec. 7. For more information, call 510-525-1771.

## Senior Center to offer flu shots today

Flu shots will be available for seniors today at the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave. Albany residents will be attended to from 9 to 11 a.m. and non-residents, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents should be 65 or older. The cost is \$20. For more information, call the Albany Senior Center at 510-524-9122.

## Have a blue Christmas with St. Alban's

Holidays getting you down? St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Albany is tackling the Yuletide blues head-on with a first-ever Blue Christmas service Dec. 19.

"You don't have to be a member of St. Alban's to attend," says pastor Jim Stickney. "In fact, you don't even have to be a Christian. We'll sing a few hymns, say a few prayers, read poems, have conversations, look at artwork, and share photos of those we're remembering. We'll have plenty of boxes of tissues and a very supportive atmosphere."

The service will begin with a candle lighting at 4 p.m. and end about 5:15 p.m. Light refreshments will be served afterward in the parish hall. The church is at 1501 Washington Ave., Albany.

## Albany teacher to lead poetry workshop

A drop-in poetry writing workshop will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8 in the Edith Stone Room at the Albany Library. Albany poet and teacher Alison Seevak will lead the workshop, which will also include light refreshments. The library is located at 1247 Marin Ave. For details call 510-526-3720 ext. 17.

## Free holiday event for children slated

A free holiday gathering for children will be held Thursday, Dec. 16 at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The event will include crafts, games and snacks. Holiday celebrations from around the world will be recognized and Santa will stop by for photos. For more information, call the city's recreation and community services department at 510-524-9283.

## El Cerrito

## Pancake breakfast to benefit youths fund

A holiday pancake breakfast will be held 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at the community center or by credit card by calling 510-559-7000. Proceeds benefit the David Hunter Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund. Residents are also encouraged to bring a new unwrapped toy to the event for a toy drive, sponsored by the El Cerrito Fire Department.

## Public Works urges vigilance in storms

Though the weather has been dry recently, El Cerrito reminds residents that when winter storms begin, many creeks and culverts that are normally dry will carry storm run-off into the city's storm drain system.

The Public Works Maintenance Services Division asks residents to make sure any creeks or open watercourse on their property are free of debris or anything that could block the flow of water.

Though the city does not maintain creeks on private property, it can help homeowners with resources if they have creek bank erosion or flooding. Residents are asked to report any blockages at metal "trash racks" or where the creek flows into an underground pipe by calling Maintenance Services Division at 510-215-4382.

## West Contra Costa

## Literacy program seeks donated books

The West County Reads! program is seeking donations for its Children's Book Drive. Gently used books will be accepted at the following locations:

- Public Employees Local 1, 4197 Lakeside Drive, Richmond.
- United Teachers of Richmond office, 700 Crestview Drive, Pinole.

- The Dr. Woody Snodgrass Administration Building, West Contra Costa school district's main office, 1108 Bissell Ave., Richmond.

For donation pickup, call Don Delcollo of West County Reads! at 510-223-1352.

## New group wants to hear from public

Agenda for Change, a group started by newly elected West Contra Costa school board members Dave Brown and Karen Pfeifer, will hold its first meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Public Employees Local 1 office, 4197 Lakeside Drive, Suite 170, Richmond.

## Wind Ensemble sets winter concert date

The West County Wind Ensemble will present its winter concert on Monday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Hillel at 801 Park Central, Richmond.

The program will include pieces by Charles Carter, Morton Lauridsen, Gustav Holst and other composers. The West County Ensemble is a mixed aged ensemble made up of high school students and adults from the West County area. They practice at El Cerrito High School on Monday evenings.

— Compiled by Deborah Byrd and Alan Lopez

## ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

## Monday, Nov. 22

**BURGLARY** — At about 8:30 p.m. officers responded to the Target Store on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway on reports that a subject came into the store with a receipt, picked up items listed on the receipt and then, without paying for them, returned them to receive cash. Upon questioning, the 40-year-old Richmond man gave officers a false name. They arrested him for burglary and identity theft and transported him to Santa Rita Jail.

## Tuesday, Nov. 23

**SUITCASE STOLEN** — During the early morning hours unknown thieves stole a suitcase off the porch of a home on the 1000 block of Peralta Avenue.

**ONE CAR STOLEN, ANOTHER FOUND** — During the night, thieves stole a blue 1989 Honda from the 500 block of Adams Street. There were no witnesses. While taking the report and investigating the scene officers located a red 1990 Acura Integra that had been stolen out of El Cerrito. The rear plate was missing and the owner was notified.

**HONDA STOLEN** — Thieves stole a gray Honda parked on the 500 block of Curtis Street during the night. There were no witnesses.

**VANDALS AND A THIEF** — A resident on the 1200 block of Garfield Street reported that vandals shot a BB through his front window. He also reported that thieves broke into his daughter's green Honda Accord and stole the stereo. There were no witnesses in either incident.

## Wednesday, Nov. 24

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 2:30 a.m. officers contacted a subject near San Pablo Avenue and Clay Street for suspicious activity. They arrested the 31 El Cerrito man for disorderly conduct, cited and released.

**THIEVES APPREHENDED** — At about 3 p.m. an employee at a video store on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that three subjects had just stolen items out of the store and were last seen heading south on San Pablo Avenue in a white Honda Accord. Officers apprehended and arrested the subjects, three Oakland men ages 31, 35 and 44, for burglary and conspiracy. The 31-year-old man was also charged with an outstanding Oakland warrant, the 35-year-old man was found to have a no-bail warrant and the 44-year-old man was also charged with causing corporal injury. They were all transported to Santa Rita Jail.

## Thursday, Nov. 25

**DUI** — At about 1:30 a.m. officers stopped a silver 2001 Mercedes near Solano and Stannage avenues when they observed it making an unsafe turn at a high rate of speed. The driver, a 34-year-old Oakland man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested for DUI, cited and released.

**TOYOTA STOLEN** — A Palm Desert man reported that his black 1992 Toyota pickup was stolen while parked at his daughter's house on the 900 block of Cerrito Street. There were no witnesses.

## EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

## Thursday, Nov. 11

**VEHICLE THEFT** — A 41-year-old San Pablo man and a 35-year-old Richmond man were arrested on suspicion of possessing a stolen black Saab shortly after 7:15 p.m. The men were seen entering the vehicle on the 1900 block of Francisco Way and were arrested almost immediately after they drove away.

## Thursday, Nov. 18

**VEHICLE THEFT** — A black 1999 sport utility vehicle was taken from the 1200 block of Rivera Street sometime between 9:45 p.m. on Nov. 18 and 6 a.m. the next day.

## Friday, Nov. 19

**ARMED ROBBERY** — An 18-year-old Richmond woman was arrested on suspicion of brandishing a knife at Target employees after she was confronted about shoplifting. Police booked the woman on a felony

charge of armed robbery with a knife and transported her to the Martinez Jail.

**SHOPLIFTING** — A 19-year-old Richmond woman was arrested on suspicion of stealing condoms, lotion and a candy bar from Target shortly after 10 a.m.

## Saturday, Nov. 20

**VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1995 Mercury Tracer was taken from the 3000 block of Yolo Avenue sometime between 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 20 and 3:30 p.m. the next day.

**ATTEMPTED VEHICLE THEFT** — An unsuccessful attempt was made to steal a 1990 Mazda Protege sometime between 1 a.m. on Nov. 20 and 10:30 a.m. the next day.

**SHOPLIFTING** — An 18-year-old Oakland man was arrested on suspicion of stealing a large amount of cold medicine from Albertson's at 5:15 p.m.

**SHOPLIFTING** — A 54-year-old Richmond man was arrested on sus-

## Friday, Nov. 26

**STALKING ROBBER** — At about 3 p.m. two boys reported that they were followed from the El Cerrito BART station by a man who then brandished a wooden-handle steak knife and robbed them of cash. The thief was last seen heading north on Madison Street on a yellow bike. Officers located the bike abandoned at the north end of Madison Street. Officers are investigating.

## Saturday, Nov. 27

**CAR THIEVES** — At about 4 p.m. an employee at an auto dealer on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a man and a woman took a maroon 2002 Mitsubishi Eclipse for a test drive and did not return. Police are investigating.

**SHOPLIFTER** — Security at the Target Store on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway reported detaining a shoplifter. Officers responded and arrested the 53-year-old San Leandro man for petty theft. He was cited and released.

## Sunday, Nov. 28

**UNDERAGE DUI** — Officers stopped a green 1993 Honda Civic at about 4:15 a.m. near San Pablo and Central Avenues for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the 19-year-old Berkeley man for being a person under 21 driving under the influence. He was cited and released.

**AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night unknown thieves broke into a gray Honda Accord parked on the 900 block of Adams Street and stole

items from inside.

**ACURA LOCATED** — A white 1981 Acura had been reported as stolen from Richmond. They did not have it in custody and the owner was notified.

**GRAFFITI** — Unknown persons put graffiti on the windshield of a car on the 1400 block of Stannage Avenue.

## Monday, Nov. 29

**DUI** — At about 2 a.m. officers stopped a white 1996 Ford Solano and San Pablo Avenue vehicle code violation. The 25-year-old El Sobrante man was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested for DUI, cited and released.

**AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into a Ford Explorer parked on the block of Stannage Avenue. There were no witnesses.

## Summary

During the week of Nov. 22 through Nov. 28, officers responded to 1,200 calls, including 1,000 false alarms, attended to 100 deceased animals, assisted 100 persons locked out of their cars, responded to one report of a dog. In the domestic arena, officers assisted with one stand-by-for-custody exchange, responded to civil disturbances and 145 calls. Officers stopped 49 vehicles, issued 42 warnings. Firefighter personnel responded to two fire calls and medical emergencies.

stolen around 2:40 a.m.

## Tuesday, Nov. 30

**VEHICLE THEFT** — A stolen two-door 1988 Honda Prelude was recovered on the 11600 block of San Pablo Avenue, at the Fremont at 9:30 p.m. The vehicle had been reported stolen to Berkeley police the same day.

## Thursday, Nov. 1

**SHOPLIFTING** — A 40-year-old Berkeley man was arrested on suspicion of stealing infant clothing from Target at 12:50 p.m.

**COUNTERFEIT CHECK** — A 42-year-old Oakland woman was arrested on suspicion of attempting to cash a counterfeit check at Mechanic's Bank in El Cerrito at 4:10 p.m.

picion of stealing four boxes of medicine from Target at 11:16 a.m. The man held a previous misdemeanor conviction for shoplifting, police said.

**SHOPLIFTING** — An 18-year-old Oakland man was arrested on suspicion of attempting to steal \$300 worth of items from Albertson's at El Cerrito Plaza at 5:20 p.m. Police later located the man on the Ohlone Greenway.

## Sunday, Nov. 21

**VEHICLE STOLEN, IN COLLISION** — A 1990 Honda Accord taken from Kearney Street at Cutting Boulevard sometime between 9 and 9:40 p.m. was later involved in a collision on San Pablo Avenue. The vehicle was recovered before the owner knew it was stolen, police said.

## Monday, Nov. 22

**STORE BURGLARY** — The front glass door of a business on the 10300 block of San Pablo Avenue was smashed and clothing was



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
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
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
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without a government, I should not hesitate a moment  
to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

## More awful behavior

IT IS COMMENDABLE that the Alameda County District Attorney's Office has charged a youth soccer coach with assaulting a referee, but at the same time we find it revolting that such charges could become necessary in a game involving 8- and 9-year-old children.

Based on the evidence we have heard, the DA's office is quite correct in filing two misdemeanor assault charges against Mauricio Alvarez. He is the Richmond youth soccer coach accused of both hitting and kicking referee Bruce Greenlee, 59, after Greenlee disqualified Alvarez's team from a tournament game for not being able to produce proper player passes for one of his players.

For those unfamiliar with the arcane workings of youth soccer, player passes are essentially picture ID cards for each child on a particular team.

These cards are used to prevent teams from cheating by importing unauthorized players to their teams. It is horribly disconcerting in and of itself that there is a need for such things in youth soccer, but unfortunately it is necessary.

In this particular case, Greenlee declared a forfeit at halftime in the game between the Richmond Cabritos and the El Cerrito Hurricanes after Alvarez could not produce a player card for one of the Cabritos.

Witnesses said that Alvarez became enraged at Greenlee and struck him at least twice. The referee was forced to go to the hospital for medical treatment, including a CT Scan and five stitches in his face.

Much like the abominable behavior at the recent Detroit Pistons-Indiana Pacers game, this sort of conduct demands strict and swift penalties.

If Alvarez is found guilty in court, he must receive a lifetime ban from coaching youth soccer and he must be given other substantial penalties by the courts for his action.

If convicted on both counts, the law allows that he be fined up to \$2,000 and given as much as a year in jail on each count. Those are the kinds of penalties that must be imposed for everyone to understand that such actions cannot be tolerated.

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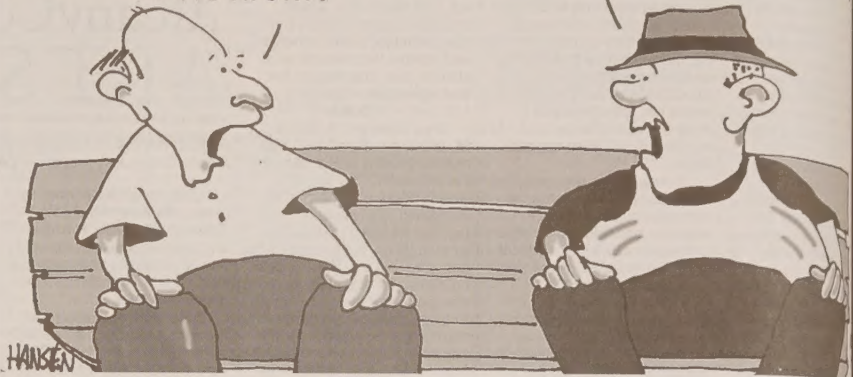
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## What's going on?

El Cerrito and Albany neighbors have concerns about a private developer's proposed 500-car garage project, 97 condos and a child-care center in the southeast corner of the El Cerrito Plaza.

Since the EIR report came out, the developer has downsized the project to 400 parking spaces and 84 condos. Though being built by Measure C monies, it will not be a BART garage. How can users be assured of a safe place to park and fees to be nominal?

This structure will be the tallest in El Cerrito, blocking views of Mount Tamalpais, creating a corridor of cement along the Ohlone walkway and sending exhaust fumes into the playground of Albany Middle School and into Cougar Field. Once it's built, the space is unavailable for other developments, such as shops, restaurants, etc.

How can a private promoter expect to make a profit when the prepaid parking currently at BART isn't even filled by 10 a.m.? Why will users pay to park and walk a distance when they can park on El Cerrito streets for free? There is no direct route from the proposed garage to BART, either walking or driving.

Albany is very concerned by the increased traffic on their streets and is proposing to close key streets into the Plaza. This will put more traffic on Fairmount Avenue. Del Norte, where the Measure C monies were first and originally recommended as the garage location, is only one block on and off the freeway, with the least number of private residences with which to contend. Could this be an alternate possibility?

All residents are encouraged to attend the public forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Cornell School, 920 Talbot St., between Solano and Marin avenues in Albany. Come hear and give suggestions.

Carol Elmstedt  
Charlie Elmstedt  
El Cerrito

## Fair election?

I would like to suggest you take the time to cover the presidential voting problems that occurred on Nov. 2.

The right to vote and have that vote counted is of the utmost importance to a democratic society. For some reason the media, for the most part, have ignored the various problems with the last election, e.g., no paper trails, voter disenfranchisement and intimidation, secret ballot counting, etc.

We all deserve a democracy and an election system that is open, honest and fair. Would you please consider using your investigative resources to help determine if we did or did not have an honest election?

Tim Booher  
El Cerrito

King George  
has started  
assault on poor

With the recent election, President Bush has the House, the Senate and the Supreme Court.

Since then, he has replaced in his administration those who did not fully agree with him. Loyalty outweighed competence. As Gen. Wesley Clark has said, "He is all transmitting, with no receiving."

Now Senate Republicans are planning to do away with the filibuster, leaving the Democrats with no means of protest. And people who disagree with Bush's actions are deemed unpatriotic!

All power comes from one man. This

is the definition of a dictatorship or an absolute monarchy.

King George and his minions have started their assault on the poor. According to news reports, under proposed legislation, the federal government will be able to require millions of college students to shoulder more of the cost of their education. These are low-income students who need the opportunity to be educated. Our country needs an educated populace.

To no one's surprise, this callous move was at the insistence of the White House. Let's hope there are enough compassionate Republicans to block this provision in the spending bill.

Iris J. Ridgway  
El Cerrito

## Disastrous president

It is extremely difficult to understand how Ella Jensen can believe George W. Bush is "the greatest world leader of our century."

During the last four years, our \$4 trillion dollar surplus has been turned into a \$3 trillion dollar debt due to huge tax cuts for the wealthy, tax loopholes for corporations, out-of-control spending in Iraq and outsourcing of jobs, leading to higher unemployment.

Twenty years of environmental legislation, designed to improve our quality of life, has been overturned to benefit corporations that are no longer strictly monitored for polluting our air and water and pillaging our natural resources.

Our rights have been severely eroded by the Patriot Act, women's right to choose is threatened, dissent is not allowed in sight of the president or media, and a "you are either with us or against us" attitude is pervasive, as is the use of fear tactics to warrant a war against Iraq — a country not involved in the 9/11 attacks.

I would suggest Jensen read "Plan for a New American Century," written several years before the 2000 election of Bush by members of his Cabinet, to enlighten herself as to the real reason for the war on Iraq. It is really a war to control the world's resources.

Bush has also managed to turn most of our allies against us. Do you really want to live in a world of intimidation instead of cooperation?

Republicans and Karl Rove may have done a good job of brainwashing 59 million Americans and winning the election, but the world is the ultimate loser as a result.

An objective look at the last four years can only lead to the conclusion that another four years with Bush as president will be disastrous.

Suzanne Brooks  
El Cerrito

WRITE TO THE  
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Compassionate  
conservatism

I read with interest Ella Jensen's letter, "Thank you God, for Bush" in the 19 Journal.

She surely epitomizes George Bush's compassionate conservatism.

Shirley D. Finnegan  
El Cerrito

## A worthy hobby

Congratulations to Andrew Werner pursuing his exciting book-collecting hobby ("7th-grader snoops out gems," Journal, Nov. 19).

Far from "weird," his hobby is honing his skills of perception, evaluation and judgment. And best of all, there is the thrill of the hunt.

Andrew will not remember me, but I am the one who sold him the Mark Twain autobiography and the Lady Bird Johnson wildflower book at the last Friends of the El Cerrito Library book sale in September. I was very impressed by his acumen in appraising the more valuable books we were offering for sale.

What Andrew does not realize is that we who price these books for the sale are very aware of their value. These books are all donated by members of our community for the benefit of our library.

But we of the Friends must see that our customers are willing to pay. As I sold \$50 book on our shelf is valued when compared to \$10 or \$15 the book can be used to help pay for a children's program or be added to the new book budget.

We truly appreciate the many books and collectors who crowd our sales. While searching for their personal treasures, they are making possible new books and expanded services at our El Cerrito Library.

Marion MacLean  
El Cerrito

## Brilliant satire

Thank you for printing the letter from Ella Jensen in the Nov. 19 Journal.

Calling George W. Bush "the greatest world leader of this century," who is "leading us to world peace" was brilliant satire.

It was a joke, wasn't it?

Kay McLaughlin  
Albany

## Salutes newcomers

Bravo to newly-elected West Contra Costa school board members Karen Pfeiffer and Dave Brown for launching their Agenda for Change meetings.

And shame on board president Charles Ramsey for his dismissive comment, "When you're new, you're enthusiastic and feel like you have to do something different."

As a veteran teacher who is still enthusiastic and feels that she has to do something different than what is currently being done for students and parents in the district, I salute the newcomers for their efforts and look forward to working with them in bringing positive change and openness to the district.

Jana Cook  
Richmond

Cone is an El Cerrito High teacher.

# Showing there are more than two sides to everything

Quote of the week:  
"The struggle is over whether we as librarians should practice total neutrality in terms of library materials and service, or encompass advocacy in our work."  
—Ann Sparanese, 2003, from "Activist Librarianship: Heritage or Heresy" in the "Progressive Librarian"



**JULIE WINKELSTEIN**  
At the Library

I RECENTLY WENT to the California Library Association annual conference, in San Jose. This conference provides an opportunity for library staff of all kinds to talk to each other, attend workshops, view exhibits and even look for jobs.

I went to two workshops and the annual Coulter lecture and luncheon. The first workshop, "Doctors' Orders: Libraries & Medical Clinics Partnering to Promote Pediatric Literacy" was a panel discussion and presentation about a program that promotes partnerships between library literacy programs and medical clinics.

Using a national model called Reach Out and Read (ROR), doctors and libraries encourage parents to read to their young children, by providing free books at medical clinics.

One panelist was a doctor who enthusiastically described using books as assessment tools at regular well-baby checkups. He also gave us statistics that demonstrated an increase in weekly reading time by the families that received these books, and showed us some wonderful photographs of children with their new books.

The second workshop was an interview with Chitra Divakaruni, the author of several popular books, including "Mistress of Spices" and "Arranged Marriage." James Quay, from the California Council for the Humanities, interviewed Divakaruni, and her comments were humorous, charming and inspiring for both readers and writers. I came away grateful to have had the opportunity to be there.

But for me the highlight of the day was the Coulter lecture

and luncheon. The speaker, John Berry, is the editor-in-chief of Library Journal, which was founded in 1876 and is described on its Web site as "the oldest independent national library publication." The title of his lecture was "Got Politics? Librarians, Libraries, and Social Activism from the 'Sixties to the Present," and the lecture was as promised.

He started out talking about information sources in our society. He gave examples, like the news and Internet sites, and commented on the way they are "winnowed down" for everyone. And that is definitely true: someone has selected the information we receive when we read a newspaper or find facts on the Web. Sometimes, this is just a matter of space-saving; other times, it is to present a particular point of view.

But the job of a library, according to Berry, is to provide all the information and let the public do the winnowing. This idea is not new; it is, after all, what librarians say all the time: libraries are about providing equal access to all kinds of information.

However, sometimes the information we provide isn't the whole story. His point is that li-

braries need to take another look at their role as neutral parties. They need to become advocates for "uncorrupted information," as opposed to information that is presented by each political party or candidate. He proposed that libraries call themselves "the antidote to spin" and that we tell our public "you need to know it so we can continue to govern ourselves." He emphasized that a democracy depends on "an informed electorate" and that a library's job is to do the informing.

This concept gives public libraries a huge responsibility. But we are capable of meeting this challenge, because we have the tools and the knowledge and the ability to find accurate and in-depth information. I agree with Mr. Berry that we all need to make sure the facts we use when we cast our ballots are facts with substance. And what better place to find those than at the public library?

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at [jwinkelstein@acclibrary.org](mailto:jwinkelstein@acclibrary.org) or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The Alameda County Library's Lawyer in the Library program offers free legal assistance in which an attorney will consult with a patron to define the problem, give advice on options, get started with a solution and make a referral when needed. The consultations may be limited and last about 20 minutes.

At the Albany Library, the next Lawyer in the Library date is Tuesday, Dec. 7 from 6-8 p.m. Advance registration required. Sign up in person at the reference desk or call 510-526-3720, ext. 5.

The Albany Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library, is located at 1247 Marin Ave. For information on its services and programs, call 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

At the El Cerrito Library will present a program, Cat Stories

and Crafts, on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 11 a.m. Children can listen to cat stories, then make a cat mask to take home.

The library also has announced its winter story times for children. Starting Jan. 6, Babytime Lapsit, for kids up to 2 years old, attending with a parent, will meet on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. Also starting Jan. 6, Toddler Lapsit for ages 2 and 3, attending with a parent, will meet Thursdays at 11 a.m. Picture Book Time for ages 3-5, meets on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. starting Jan. 4.

Readers Anonymous, the library's book club, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Copies of the current selection are available at the checkout desk. Next up: "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Jan. 24).

The El Cerrito Library, a

branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is located at 6510 Stockton Ave. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

■■■■ The Kensington Library will present a special afternoon of holiday music performed by the Young People's Chamber Orchestra on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. The all-string orchestra is comprised of talented young musicians between the ages 8-14.

Come to the library for a special holiday music program by the Network High School Handbell Choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the library. High school and college students, parents and adults are all part of the ensemble. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, help make ornaments and decorate the library's tree, from 3 to 5 p.m. The programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library.

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## FINANCIAL MATTERS

## Congress Passes Tax Legislation

Congress has passed two tax laws that will have an impact on tax planning for individuals and businesses.

### Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004.

President Bush signed this law on October 4, 2004. The law's primary purpose was to extend several tax provisions that had either expired or would soon expire.

The Act extended through 2010 the \$1,000 child tax credit, the expanded 10% income tax bracket, and the larger 15% tax bracket and standard deduction for married couples (double those of single taxpayers). The increase in the alternative minimum tax exemption (\$40,250 for singles, \$58,000 for couples) was extended through 2005. The \$250 above-the-line deduction for classroom supplies paid for by teachers and the full \$2,000 deduction for the purchase of clean-fuel vehicles were reinstated for 2004 and 2005. A number of business tax credits, including the research and development credit, were extended through 2005.

**American Jobs Creation Act of 2004.** The Act brings important changes for U.S. manufacturers and multinational corporations, but small businesses, farmers, and individual taxpayers will also be affected.

The Act allows taxpayers to take a federal tax deduction for state and local sales tax in lieu of state and local income tax in 2004 and 2005. The rules on charitable deductions for donating vehicles to charity are tightened.

Taxpayers will be allowed to deduct only the amount a charity receives if the organization sells the vehicle. If



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In other provisions, the Act extends through 2007 the \$100,000 (adjusted annually for inflation) expensing limit for business equipment purchases. The amount of first-year expensing for sport utility vehicles (SUVs) used in business is limited to \$25,000. The 5 corporation rules are changed to allow 100 shareholders, and family shareholders will be combined and treated as one.

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## ALBANY SCHOOL NEWS

### Albany High School

The fourth meeting of the Albany Music Fund is scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 8, in the high school library. The agenda includes details about the students' trip to Disneyland, Hawaii, or Monterey; a recap of the Jazz Band/Rhythm Band concert at Yoshi's on Nov. 23; and discussions of plans for future fund-raisers, how funds are being allocated, and what new programs are in the works. Parents who want to see their students have the best possible experience in music studies should bring their ideas and energy to the meeting. Information is available from Mike McKay 510-525-2147, [mckaym@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:mckaym@sbcbglobal.net). The Albany High library is in need of a working VCR. Anyone willing to donate should contact Rosalie Gonzales at [rosgonza@albany.k12.ca.us](mailto:rosgonza@albany.k12.ca.us) or 510-558-2528.

Dec. 6: PTA meeting, 7-9 p.m., library. For AHS current events, go to the AHS PTA calendar: <http://calendar.yahoo.com/albanyhighpta>. To post events for the calendar or if you have questions for the AHS PTA, send a message to: [albanyhighpta@yahoo.com](mailto:albanyhighpta@yahoo.com)

### Albany Middle School

AMS collected more than 2,500 canned goods for its annual canned food drive, filled 11 barrels, and expresses thanks to everyone who contributed.

Dec. 6: Principal's Coffee, 8 a.m., Room 113

Dec. 7: Student Council meeting, 7:30 a.m., in the library

Dec. 16: Winter Concert, 7 p.m., gym

Dec. 17: Minimum day, dismissal at 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 20-Jan. 2: Winter break, no school

Jan. 3: School reopens

Jan. 4: Student Council meeting, 7:30 a.m., library

Jan. 6: PTA meeting, 7 p.m., library

Jan. 12: Choir Concert, 7 p.m., Little Theater

Jan. 17: Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, no school

### Cornell Elementary School

The Cornell PTA has organized after-school Spanish classes for children in all grades on the Cornell campus. They are taught by Argentine native Beatriz Rivarola, who has taught after-school Spanish for the last two years at Cornell and combines conversational Spanish and art in her classes

## MORE SCHOOL NEWS

■ See El Cerrito School Notes on Page A8

to make them fun for kids.

Fourth- and fifth-grade Spanish will be offered Wednesdays from Dec. 1 through April 6 immediately after school, from 1:50 to 2:50 p.m. First-through third-grade Spanish will be offered in two sessions. The first began Nov. 8. The second session — a new chance to sign up — will start Feb. 10. These classes are offered twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays, 2:50 to 3:35 p.m. The cost for the first-through third-grade level and the fourth- and fifth-grade level is the same — \$150 for 15 hours of instruction — and all classes meet in Room 8. Checks should be made out to Beatriz Rivarola and brought to the Cornell office.

Dec. 11: Holiday Arts Festival

### Marin Elementary

To receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail, contact Kym Sterner at [kymsterner@earthlink.net](mailto:kymsterner@earthlink.net)

### Ocean View Elementary

Dec. 4: Craft Sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., multipurpose room

Dec. 16: PTA meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m., library

Childcare available with advance notification at 510-528-6480.

Paper scrip is available on order at the office or by calling or e-mailing Laurie Amaro at 510-525-0476 and scrip-mom@hotmail.com.

### AUSD Calendar

Dec. 8: District Budget Advisory Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ocean View library

Dec. 20 - Jan. 2: Winter break

District information is available at <http://www.albany.k12.ca.us>

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## Children

■ **Los Amiguitos de La Pena**, the popular Saturday morning La Pena Children's Program, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents the following events: — **Rosie and the Railroaders** perform interactive train songs on Dec. 4. — **Derique**, the clown presents his dancing and silent clown show on Dec. 11. — **Bonnie Lockhart** performs her sing-along, story songs, lullabies, rounds and singing games on Dec. 18. — Shows start at 10:30 a.m.; cost: \$4 adults, \$3 children. 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org.

■ **Lions' Club** hosts its annual **Santa Breakfast** at 8-11 a.m. on Dec. 4 at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Kids talk to Santa and have picture taken with him while family enjoys a nice warm meal. Admission: \$3 adults, children free. 510-223-9153.

■ **Gary Lapow**, award-winning songwriter, will inspire young people at **Habitat Children Museum's Light Up the Lights**, a multi-holiday winter song festival at 3 p.m. on Dec. 4 at 2065 Kiltredge St. Gary's concert programs will teach children to respect themselves and their communities, reach out to others, and celebrate the many joys of life. Event is free with admission. Admission: \$6 child, \$5 adult. 510-647-1111 or go to www.habitat.org.

■ **Former Del Fuegos singer Dan Zanes & Friends** perform at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Dec. 12 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Hip, updated versions of children's classics and more will be performed. Tickets: \$24. 510-642-9988.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science** presents **Beakman's World** on Tour exhibit through Jan. 2. See crazy, zany Beakman lab for yourself: — **Exploratorium sampler** exhibit shows through May 1. Many favorite hands-on exhibits. Admission \$4.50-\$8.50. www.lawrence-hall-of-science.com or call 510-642-5132.

■ **Registration has started for Winter Twilite Basketball League** at Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center, 1730 Oregon St. Program is an educational sports program for kids 11-18 years old. Youth attend a one-hour workshop preceding each game on issues such as tobacco and drug prevention, academic improvement, conflict resolution and more. League is divided into three age groups, begins on Jan. 7 and continues through March 19. Cost is \$263 per team or \$23 per individual player. Priority is given to West and South Berkeley residents. 510 981-6670.

## Community

■ **Paws for Holiday Photos**, a fundraiser for Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dec. 4, 11 at Red Hound Pet Store, 5523 College Ave. Special photographs, taken by a professional photographer, create a lasting memory of your beloved pet and make great holiday cards and gifts. Cost: \$20, all proceeds benefit shelter animals at Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. Details: call Deborah at 510-845-7735 ext.19, email at ddfruscia@berkeleyhumane.org or go to www.berkeleyhumane.org.

■ **Berkeley Farmers' Market** 12th annual **Holiday Crafts Fair** (An Ecology Center benefit) features California's best organic farmers, and many delicious prepared lunch options. It's 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dec. 4, 11, 18 at Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park, Center Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Organic vegetables & fruit, local craftspeople selling a variety of beautiful hand-crafted gifts (jewelry, fabric arts, leather, ceramics, hats, dolls, fine art, photos, soaps and herbal potions, more), and

live music. 510-548-3333 or www.ecologycenter.org.

■ **Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley** is holding its annual **Holly Faire & Art Show & Sale** at 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Dec. 5 at 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Details: call 510-525-0302.

■ **Celebration of Forest Activism and Silent Auction to benefit Bay Area Coalition for Headwaters** is 4 - 8 p.m. on Dec. 5 at Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 1924 Cedar St. Gourmet refreshments, live music with special guest Joanne Rand, more. Benefits the trees. 510-548-3113 or www.HeadwatersPreserve.org.

■ **Albany Adult School** senior painting and drawing class, and instructor Stephanie Scott present a **Holiday Art Show, Sale and Open House** at 1 - 4 p.m. on Dec. 5 at Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. Paintings, drawings in a variety of media by class members and their instructor will be on display and on sale; some matted, some framed and some in notecards. Sales benefit Albany Senior Center. 510-524-9122.

■ **St. John's PrimeTimers'** upcoming schedule includes: Blood Pressure checks by Dr. Helen Christie are at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 7. — Robert Greer from U.C. School of Optometry will speak about macular degeneration and other eye diseases at 11 a.m. on Dec. 14. — "Let's Talk" discussion group is at 11 a.m. on Dec. 21. — Charles Fitch will show travel slides at 11 a.m. on Dec. 28. — Events are at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. 510-845-6830.

■ **Cantabile Chorale** (formerly Baroque Choral Guild) holds auditions for its 2004-2005 concert season at 7 - 10 p.m. on Dec. 7 at All Souls Episcopal Church, 2220 Cedar St. By appointment only. Sing a prepared piece at audition. For details and to schedule an audition time, contact Sonja at 650-424-1410 or sonja@cantabile.org. When emailing, include contact information, voice part, previous choral music experience.

■ **American Red Cross** will be having a **mobile blood drive** in various locations: — 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Dec. 7 at Berkeley Repertory Theater, 2025 Addison St. — 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Dec. 9 at UC Berkeley Blood Drive, Pauley Ballroom, UC Berkeley campus. — 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Dec. 23 at Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. — 1 - 7 p.m. on Dec. 29 at St. Mary Magdalene Parish, 2005 Berryman St. Details: call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or go to www.BeaDonor.com.

■ **"Going Local: The Power of Supporting Locally Grown Food"** discussion panel is 7 - 9 p.m. Dec. 9 at Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave. More food is produced today than ever before, yet poverty exists alongside obesity, food banks struggle to feed the hungry, food contamination kills more people every year, while small family farms face extinction under industrial

agriculture. But it doesn't have to be that way. Join Food First at a panel discussion featuring three food policy experts and activists who will explore the power of supporting locally grown food in the face of mounting industrialization of the world's food system. Cost: free. Details: call 510-548-2220 x233.

■ **Ecology Center** presents a special evening with Michael Nagler in celebration of Human Rights Day at 7 - 9 p.m. on Dec. 10 at 2530 San Pablo Ave. Professor Emeritus of Languages at UC Berkeley, and founder and former chairperson of the Peace and Conflict Studies program, Nagler is one of world's most widely respected peace scholars and activists and author of several books. Come hear about real pathways to peace. Free. Info: 510-548-2220 x233. www.ecologycenter.org.

■ **East Bay Sanctuary's annual Crafts Fair** is 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Dec. 11, 12 at First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way. Handcrafted items from indigenous worker co-ops in Central America, Haiti, Afghanistan, Africa, Nepal and other places available at reasonable prices. All proceeds go to artisans and to support EBSC's work with refugees. Free admission. Details: call 510-527-0324.

■ **Berkeley Toys for Tots** program is underway; to register to receive gifts this holiday season, families must register with Help Links at 415-808-4337 or 1-900-273-6222 before Dec. 15. Details: call Joe at 510-981-5752.

## Donations

■ **Passion Parties** by Margo (independent consultant for Passion Parties Inc.) located in East Bay is having a **Holiday Toy Drive** for needy children this holiday season. During December, new, unwrapped toys will be collected from guests at participating parties for donation to a local East Bay toy drive. 510-388-9956 or e-mail margospassion@yahoo.com or visit www.NoNeedToBeShy.com.

■ **Berkeley Fire Department** and **Berkeley Fire Fighters Association** are sponsoring **Holiday Toy and Food Drives** for Berkeley residents. Donation barrels are at all Berkeley fire stations and at the

Public Safety building, 2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. New, unwrapped toys accepted through Dec. 24, and food donations (such as canned meats, beans, peanut butter, tuna, hearty soups, pasta, fruit juices, rice and vegetables) accepted through Dec. 25. John Tarascio, 510-981-5520 or 510-981-5506.

■ **Sarber's Cameras** has begun a special program this holiday season to thank its customers and support local schools. To aid in school funding, Sarber's will donate a portion of customers' purchases to the local school of the customer's choice. Customers save their receipts for every purchase made at Sarber's Oakland or Berkeley locations, fill out a short form identifying the school to which Sarber's should donate and drop these items off at either Sarber's location through Dec. 31. Sarber's will then issue a cumulative check to each school customers select. 1958 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, 510-339-8545; 1749 Solano Ave., Berkeley, 510-526-0775.

■ **Berkeley Toys for Tots** program is underway; to donate toys to underprivileged children call Berkeley Police Captain Bill Pittman at 510-981-5760.

■ **The Turnabout Shop**, 10052 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year; all staff time and merchandise to the shop is donated, and proceeds support healthcare needs in local communities. Thrift-shop is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations of clothing and household items are welcome. Details: call 510-525-7844.

## Exhibits

■ **Berkeley Artisans' 13th annual Holiday Open Studios** are 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 at various locations throughout Berkeley. Over 100 professional artists and craftspeople in Berkeley open their doors to public. Free map available online at www.berkeleyartisans.com or by mail; pick map up in person or send self-addressed stamped envelope to Berkeley Artisans Map, 2547 Eighth St. #24A, Berkeley, CA 94710. 510-845-2612 or go to www.berkeleyartisans.com.

■ **Artist Susan Brooks** presents her

work as part of the **Holiday Open Studios** at 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 at 2547 Eighth St., Studio 24A. Featured are handwrought one-of-a-kind jewelry and works on paper. www.susanbrooks.com, susanbrooks@fastmail.fm or 510-845-2612.

■ **Berkeley Potters Guild** presents 33rd annual **Holiday Sale & Show** "Everything and the Kitchen Sink" at 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18-24 at 731 Jones St. 20 ceramic artists display works for sale; drawing for door prizes each weekend. www.berkeleypotters.com or 510-524-7031.

■ **Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive**, 2625 Durant Ave., offers the following exhibitions: "Collage", showcasing a variety of artists, through Dec. 19. — "Turning Corners", a collection of radical/nonconformist artists, and "Figurations", a changing variety of perspectives on the human form, through Jan. 22, 2006. — "Threshold: Byron Kim 1990-2004", abstract easel paintings and more, through Dec. 12. — "MATRIX 214: Some Forgotten Place", eight artists explore the subject of landscape, through Dec. 19. — "The Baum: An American emerging photographer award — Katy Grannan", through Dec. 5. 510-642-0808.

■ **National Watercolor Society** hosts its annual exhibit of **National Watercolor Society** works through Dec. 15 at Badé Museum, Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave. Museum hours: 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Free. Hilary at 707-481-3724 or email at hilary@hilarymarc.com.

■ **"Sufi Chocolate: works on paper"** by

Josephine Balakrishnan exhibits at Red Oak Realty, 1891 Solano Ave. Artist's reception is 6:30 - 8 p.m. Dec. 17. Viewing hours: Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free. 510-527-0302.

■ **"Capturing Light"** and other paintings by Victoria Wood exhibit through Dec. 17 at the Yehudi Menuhin School of Music, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Inspired by the effects of light on the natural world. www.victoriawood.com or 510-848-6370.

■ **Glory Gallery** presents paintings by Keith Wilson through Dec. 24 at Claremont Ave. 510-848-1228.

■ **Third annual "Visions of the days" Art Exhibit** is through Dec. 19 at the Yehudi Menuhin School of Music, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Downtown merchants and the community of local artists, artists-in-residence, art class students and kindergarten through college students contribute artwork in storefronts throughout town Berkeley. Free. Details: call 549-2230 or go to www.downtownberkeley.org.

■ **Gathering Tribes Gallery**, 100 Solano Ave., presents **Maori** (Towa) and **Steve LaFrance** (Towa) award winning Native American art, exhibiting fine beaded, carved, and lacered more in 14th and 15th centuries with precious and semi-precious stones through Dec. 31. — Details: call 528-9038.

■ **"Eye Talk Art—Visions of the World"** featuring artists Debra Colbert, Marion Mulvaney, Kevin Randolph at Grit-Mat's Wine Bar Art Gallery, 1369 Solano Ave. 510-845-2612.

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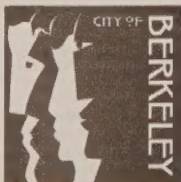
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For additional information: Gisele M. Sorensen, Senior Planner - gisl@ci.berkeley.ca.us or 510-981-7419

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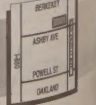
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through Jan. 9, 510-527-1314.  
"Objects and Representations of Religion and Culture" from the collection of Clare and Joe Fischer at the Graduate Theological Union, 15 at 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 510-843-2473 (THE-BIRD) www.albanylibrary.org.  
Albany Pub presents "Music in the Air" paintings by Liz Maxwell through Jan. 31 at 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 510-843-2473 (THE-BIRD) www.albanylibrary.org.  
A.G. Rizzoli's "Transfigurations" exhibition is showing through Feb. 2 at the Graduate Theological Union, 15 at 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 510-843-2473 (THE-BIRD) www.albanylibrary.org.

Film/dance/stage

**La Pasa Cultural Center**, 3105 Shattuck Ave., hosts the upcoming events:  
Annual **Desde La Bahia** Celebration Party is at 8 p.m. Dec. 3. Local musicians recognized and panel with the writings of Peter Maiden and writer of Chuy Varela, followed at 9:30 p.m. with dancing to live salsa music by the band Camby y Candelaria. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.  
La Nina's Flaminio Series "Nevada Flaminio" is at 8 p.m. Dec. 4. \$18 advance, \$20 at the door.  
Domingo de Rumba community event is at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 19. — **Chango** Fest performance dedicated to the Orisha of the Sun and Dance, a benefit for Berkeley's Latino Senior Citizens Association is at 8 p.m. Dec. 5. \$10-\$15, 510-644-4444.  
Benefit concert for Chiapas, "Son de la Tierra and more" at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 8. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. — **Live in the City** hosted by Kira Allen is at 8 p.m. on Dec. 8. — **Film "Alive in the Field"** is at 8 p.m. on Dec. 10. Film depicts a pivotal element of Arab-Israeli conflict: the Palestinian right of return. \$6 in advance, \$10 at the door. — **Fernando Torres** at 510-849-4444. www.lapasa.org.

**Joseph the Worker Church** presents "First Fridays," films with a social conscience, on the first Friday of every month. "In Bad Company" on the anniversary of the death of Fr. Bill's first companion with Martin Sheen (1998), will be at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 at 1640 Shattuck St. Upcoming films include "The Promise," an historical overview of factors that led to the conflict, and "The East Conflict," coverage of the Jan. 7, 1993, invasion is free. 510-482-1062.

**UC Berkeley Department of Theater, Arts and Performance Studies** presents a student workshop production "The House Taken" at 8 p.m. Dec. 3-4 and 11 p.m. Dec. 4. Tickets: \$5. — **Recollections: New Student Choreography** at 8 p.m. on Dec. 8 and 8 p.m. on Dec. 9. Shows in Zellerbach Hall's 1707.

**Uchiyama Center for International Dance** presents "Tatau" at 8 p.m. Dec. 4 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. Ka'ula Tuahine presents dance company and Hui Hui will take the stage for "Tatau," (tatau meaning of traditional Polynesian tattoo and music. Tickets: advance \$15 at the door.

**Warehouse Annex Auction** Tuesday, December 7, 10am. Preview: Sat, Dec. 5, 9am-4pm. 1 Day of Sale at 9am. 100% of Proceeds to the Alameda Point Antiques & Collectibles Fair. Auctions by The Bay, Inc. 909-989-9922 or 510-740-0220. www.auctionbythebay.com

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**Aurora Theatre Company** presents Michael Fry's play "Enma," based on Jane Austen's novel, through Dec. 19 at 2081 Addison St. Tickets: \$28-\$45, with discounts available. — "The Play of Daniel" plays at 8 p.m. on Dec. 6-11 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way. Tickets: \$22-\$25. Tickets: call 510-843-4822. www.auroratheatre.org.

**Oakland's Living Arts Playhouse Theatre Ensemble** presents "Fathers and Daughters" 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. Admission: \$12-\$18. 510-655-5186 or go to www.livingartscenter.org.

**Berkeley Ballet Theatre** announces the return of its beloved "Nutcracker," a fresh retelling of a favorite holiday story. All performances are held at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts at 2640 College Ave. Tickets are \$14-\$19; call 510-843-4689. Performance times are: 2 p.m. on Dec. 11, 12, 18, 19 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 10, 11, 17, 18. Sugar Plum Fairy Party for children follows 2 p.m. performance on Dec. 11. Sugar Plum tickets are \$5.

**Rhythm & Muse** open mic series features singer-songwriters Anthony Jerome Smith & Hassan Jones-Bey, at 7 p.m. on Dec. 18 at Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. Open mic sign-up: 6:30 p.m.; admission free. Piano & 2 mics available. 510-527-9753.

**Traveling Jewish Theatre** presents "The Bright River (a mass transit tour of the Afterlife)" Jan. 5 - 16 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. Times are as follows: Wednesday - Friday nights at 8 p.m., Saturday nights at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. on Jan. 9, 16. Written and performed by Tim Barsky Music written and performed by the Everyday Ensemble: Safa Shokri - bass, Jesse Ivy - cell, & Kid Beyond - beatbox. Directed by Jeff Ray. Admission: \$12-\$35. Previews: \$15 adults, \$12 students and seniors. Regular Run performances: \$15 - \$34. Opening night: \$35. Discounts available for groups of five or more, seniors and students. Wednesday & Thursday nights are "pay-what-you-can." 415-285-8080 or www.atjtc.com or www.epicarts.org/brightriver.

**Zora Neale Hurston and Dorothy Waring's play "Polk County"** shows through Jan. 9 at Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St. Story of New York blues singer's journey from New York City to her home in rural Polk County, Florida. Tickets: call 510-647-2949 or 1-888-48RTTIX (427-8849).

**Shotgun Players** present Tom Stoppard's "Travesties" through Jan. 16 at the Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave. With Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" as inspiration, play takes place in Zurich, 1918, during time when James Joyce, Tristan Tzara and Vladimir Lenin were all in town. Admission: free, with pass-the-hat donation after show. www.shotgunplayers.org or 510-841-6500.

**Orches**, a nonprofit dance/art organization, presents "Dance Jammies," a multigenerational family event 6 - 9:30 p.m. every third Saturday. The event in-

cludes a dance class warm-up, dance jam, food and popcorn concession with cartoon, dance clip and movies, at Motivity Center, 2525 8th St. Call 510-832-3835 or e-mail orches@earthlink.net. Reservations advised; space limited.

Learning

**Vista Community College** offers "Managing Foreign Exchange" workshop is Dec. 4. — Call 510-981-2927 for details on Vista's International Trade Certificate Program. — "Internet for the Travel Industry Professional" workshop is Dec. 4. — Workshops are at 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at 2020 Milvia St., Room 303. 510-981-2931. Register online at www.peralta.cc.ca.us.

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute** at UC Berkeley presents an open house at 10 a.m. on Dec. 13 at UC Berkeley Extension, 1995 University Ave., Room 202. Explore winter term course offerings with instructors and staff from this program for adults 50 and over, which allows you to take up to four courses each term for a single fee. 510-642-4183. www.unex.berkeley.edu/prog/olli, or email olli@unex.berkeley.edu.

**Alexander Foundation for Women's Health** offers a series of public lectures entitled "Turning Up The Heat: Mood, Menstruation, Menopause and Sex." Second lecture in series, "Sexual Desire: from Romance to Physiology" is at 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 15 at Claremont Resort and Spa, 41 Tunnel Road. Targeting women and their partners. Cost: \$10 for Claremont Resort and Spa members, and \$15 for public. Details: call 510-527-3010, go to www.afwh.org/about/claremontlectures or email alwh@afwh.org.

Literary events

**"Reminiscing Holidays Past"** presents live readings of short fiction by Truman Capote, Grace Paley & Paul Auster at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Free.

**29 current and former students** at Rosa Parks and Crockett Elementary Schools in Berkeley have had their poems and translations accepted in *Map of a Dream: the Best of Poetry Inside Out 2004*, the annual anthology representing the best work from Poetry Inside Out, a project of the Center for Art in Translation. They will be reading their works at a publication party at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 8 at Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. Free. 510-644-6893.

**Berkeley YMCA** presents their special Family Literacy Night at their Scholastic Book Fair with special guest Winnie the Pooh at 7 - 9 p.m. on Dec. 10 at 2001 Allston Way. Book Fair is Dec. 10-19; giving families the opportunity to buy carefully selected, quality books and products at affordable prices. Details: email asena at aluone@baymca.org or call 510-665-3271.

**Seventy-ninth annual Poets' Dinner** Contest is accepting poems in following categories: the Torch, Beginnings and Endings, Humor, Nature, Love, Spaces & Places, People, and Poet's Choice. Poems must be original, in English, unpublished, not previous prize winners,

maximum 40 lines, and maximum three entries per person. Send three copies of each entry on 8-1/2"x11" paper, one side only, category in upper right hand corner, no author name on sheet. Postmark by Jan. 15 to: Robert M. Shelby, 138-1/2 Dartmouth Place, Benicia, CA 94510. Prizes given at awards lunch on March 12, 2005 at Spenger's Restaurant, 1919 Fourth St.; winners must be present to win.

**Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., presents the following ongoing poetry events: First Thursdays include Open Mike and Featured Poet sessions at 7 - 9 p.m. — Second Wednesdays from 7 - 9 p.m. are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops, for all ages, led by Alison See-vaik. Free. Library is wheelchair accessible and light refreshments will be served. Call Julia Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 20 for more information.

Meetings/lectures

**World Affairs & Current Events** discussion group at the Albany Senior Center begins a fall ten-week series on Mondays from 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. through Dec. 6 at 846 Masonic Ave. Cost: \$2.50 per session. Details: 510-524-9122.

Music

**Jazzschool**, 2087 Addison St., hosts upcoming events: — Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir will play at 8 p.m. on Dec. 3. A treasure-trove of "survival music": spirituals, work songs, field hollers, folk tales, polyrhythmic percussion, dance and more. — The Art of the Trio is at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 5. An afternoon of piano trio with Los Angeles-based composer and keyboardist Alan Pasqua and friends. — Brubeck Institute Jazz Sextet featuring Rufus Reid is at 8 p.m. on Dec. 10. Jazz's next generation featuring Brubeck Institute students with support on bass from Rufus Reid. \$15/\$10. 510-845-5373, www.jazzschool.com.

**Join the California Bach Society** and The Whole Noisy, well-known area Renaissance wind band, for a program featuring: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland; Gelobet seist du, Puer natus in Bethlehem; Vom Himmel hoch; and

other traditional German carols at 8 p.m. on Dec. 3 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way. Pre-concert talk 45 minutes prior to each performance. Tickets: \$10-\$25. Details: go to www.calbach.org or call 415-262-0272.

**Cal Performances** presents the choral ensemble **Tallis Scholars** at 8 p.m. on Dec. 3 at First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way. \$42. 510-642-9988.

**English choreographer Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker!** plays at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall at 8 p.m. through Dec. 5. \$36-\$74. 510-642-9988.

**Mezzo-soprano Ekaterina Semenchuk** and pianist **Larissa Gergieva** perform a recital at 8 p.m. on Dec. 4 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: \$46. Details: call 510-642-9988.

**Ario Guthrie & the Klezmatiks** perform "Holy Ground: the Spiritual Music of Woody Guthrie" at 8 p.m. on Dec. 7 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: \$28-\$56. 510-642-9988.

**Berkeley Chamber Performances** presents a Chamber Music Concert at 8 p.m. on Dec. 7 at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Concert features Duo Concertante: Anita Fetsch Felix, violin and Wolfgang Fetsch, piano. Performed will be works of Beethoven, Prokofiev, and others. \$20. 510-525-5211 or go to www.berkeleychamberperf.org.

**Celista Yo-Yo Ma** and pianist **Emanuel Ax** perform a recital at 7 p.m. on Dec. 9 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: \$50-\$150. 510-642-9988.

**Lowiczanie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble** presents the second annual "Kolody: A Holiday Concert of Choral Music From Eastern Europe" 7 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St. Traditional carols of Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria, with complimentary glass of mulled wine or hot apple cider served. Tickets: \$12 general, \$10 students and seniors, free for children 14 and under. To reserve tickets, send check (payable to Lowiczanie, postmarked by Dec. 4) to Maureen Morris, 501 Vicente St., San Francisco, CA 94116. Prepaid tickets held at door. Krystyna Chciuk or Mary Kay Stuvland, 415-285-4336 or 510-540-0635 or go to www.polishfolk.net.

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## EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

## El Cerrito High School

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Seniors planning to attend a college, university or technical school in the fall of 2005 will want to know about The Ed Fund Irvine Foundation Scholarship. It requires a 2.5 minimum GPA, participation in extra-curricular or community service activities, and financial need. Amount: \$2,000. Deadline: Feb. 14, 2005. Applications available in Scholarship File.

The Ed Fund UC or Cal State Scholarships are for seniors planning to attend a UC or CSU in the fall of 2005 or who will attend a community college and then transfer. 3.2 GPA required and financial need. Amount: \$5,000. Deadline: Feb. 14, 2005. Applications in Scholarship File.

The Asian Pacific Fund provides scholarships Filipino American Seniors. The Banatao scholarships are for students planning to pursue majors and careers in engineering, computer or physical science. Deadline: Feb. 11, 2005. Amount: \$5,000. The Soledad Fernandez Scholarships for students planning to pursue any major. Deadline: Jan. 14, 2005. Amount: up to \$5,000. Applications available in Scholarship File and on-line at <<http://www.asianpacificfund.org/awards>>

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Tickets are \$50 each. Please call Andy Gooden at 510-527-9695 to reserve your tickets.

## Portola Middle School

Dec. 4, Saturday: Book Fair to benefit West County Reads. Hilltop Barnes

and Noble will donate 15-25% of proceeds when you purchase items and use the special voucher ([www.wccusd.k12.ca.us/community\\_engagement/wcr\\_voucher.pdf](http://www.wccusd.k12.ca.us/community_engagement/wcr_voucher.pdf)) 10 am - 10 p.m.

Dec. 16, Thursday: Portola Winter Concert, Portola Gym, 7 p.m.

Dec. 17, Friday: Minimum day

## West Contra Costa schools

California students grades K-12 can submit artwork or poetry with a coastal or marine theme to the annual Coastal Art & Poetry Contest, sponsored by the Coastal Commission. Up to eight winners will win \$100 gift certificates to an art supply or book store, and each winner's sponsoring teacher will receive a \$40 gift certificate for educational supplies. Winning work may be featured on Commission web pages and materials. Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 31, 2005. For contest rules and entry forms, visit [www.coastartpoetry.org](http://www.coastartpoetry.org), e-mail [coast4u@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:coast4u@coastal.ca.gov), or call 800-262-7848 (800-Coast4U). This contest is funded in part through the Whale Tail License Plate program.

## Calendar:

Dec. 8, Wednesday: WCCUSD School Board Meeting, Lovonya DeJean Middle School, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 13, Monday: Hearing on School Closures, Dec Anza Cafeteria, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Dec. 15, Wednesday: WCCUSD School Board Meeting, Lovonya DeJean Middle School, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 20, Monday-Dec. 31, Friday: WINTER BREAK — no school.

— Source: El Cerrito school e-mail trees

## ALBANY COMMUNITY TELEVISION

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## Monday, Dec. 6-Sunday Dec. 12

6:30 p.m. "Treasures of the Greenbelt" Exploring areas around the Bay reveals a rich and unique tapestry of city and countryside.

7 p.m. & 9 p.m. Berkeley Ballet Theater Holiday Special. The first of a 6-part series of BBT productions, mainly featuring "The Nutcracker." Filmed by Albany resident Mike Lee.

8 p.m. & 10 p.m. "The Maestro: King of the Cowboy Artists" (1995) Why did Gerry Gaxiola become a singing

cowboy in the name of Art? Documentary by prize-winning El Cerrito filmmaker Les Blank.

All programs play daily. Before 6:30 p.m., watch the City of Albany Bulletin Board for news of upcoming city events, recreation classes, and helpful civic information.

Channel 33 is your public access station. If you would like to help fill the schedule with your own program of interest to Albany residents, submit your videotape to Jeremy Allen at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.

## Holly Faire is Sunday in Kensington

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley will present its Art Show and Sale and Holly Faire on Sunday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. A multitude of gift items will

be offered for sale including paintings, photography, jewelry, ceramics, goddess gourds, silk scarves, greeting cards and more. Admission is free.

For more information call 510-525-0302.

## Richmond finally fills library director vacancy

By Rebecca Rosen Lum  
STAFF WRITER

A permanent director has taken the reins of Richmond's city library for the first time in 1½ years.

Monique le Conge began her career as a librarian in Solano County, and is the former chief of the Benicia Public Library, according to a written statement released by city officials.

"We were glad to find some-

one who appreciates a challenge and has an excellent reputation in the library community," said children's librarian Lucy Meinhardt. "We're very excited and optimistic about our future."

Among her other skills, le Conge, who started in early October, is an adept fund-raiser, Meinhardt said.

She teaches library and information science at San Jose State University. She has served

on the Caldicott and Batchelder medal committees, and has been president of the management services section of the state library association, BayNet, and the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California.

She earned a design degree from UC Davis in 1987 and a master's in library and information studies from UC Berkeley in 1988.

The library has gone without

a permanent director since Joseph Green left in March 2003.

Kathy Haug, who was serving as interim director, has returned to her administrative librarianship children's services.

Reach Rebecca Rosen Lum at 510-262-2713 or [rebecca.rosen@times.com](mailto:rebecca.rosen@times.com).

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

## Berkeley

## Short holiday fiction comes to life

Local actors will read short fiction on the theme "Reminiscing Holidays Past," by Truman Capote, Grace Paley and Paul Auster, in a free event on Monday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. between Telegraph and Ellsworth.

"A Christmas Memory" is the story of the eccentric holiday traditions of a young boy named Buddy and his 60-year old best friend. Grace Paley's "The Loudest Voice" tells of a Jewish girl with a big voice cast in the lead role of her school's Christmas play. Paul Auster's "Augie Wren's Christmas Story" looks at what happens when a writer with a looming deadline turns to the quirky shopkeeper of his corner store for an unconventional yet moving Christmas story.

## Berkeley Ballet's 'Nutcracker' to begin

The Berkeley Ballet Theater presents "The Nutcracker" from Dec. 10-19 with 2 and 7 p.m. shows at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Avenue, Berkeley. Tickets are \$19.

The Berkeley Ballet Theater's "Nutcracker" is a retelling of this favorite holiday story, with Berkeley Ballet students joined by seven guest artists in the male leads. The leading roles of Clara, the Snow Queen and the Sugar Plum Fairy will be performed by dancers from Berkeley Ballet's Youth Company.

Choreography is by Sally Streets, winner of the 2003 Isadora Duncan Award for Lifetime Achievement, and Robert

Nichols.

Some shows are sold out. For more information call 510-843-4689 or visit <http://www.berkeleyballet.org>.

## Holiday Open Studios continues

More than 100 professional artists and craftspeople are opening their doors to visitors for the Berkeley Artisans Holiday Open Studios on every weekend in December from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The self-guided tour offers the chance again this year to meet the artisans and get some holiday shopping done at the same time. The array of works for sale includes lampworked and blown glass, ceramics, ornaments, menorahs, lamps, furniture, garden art, clothing, jewelry and more.

Many of the studios are in the same building or within walking distance from each other. Admission is free.

A map of the open studios is available on-line at <http://www.berkeleyartisans.com> or by mail by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Berkeley Artisans Map, 2547 Eighth St., #2A, Berkeley, CA 94710. For more information call 510-845-2612.

## Potters Guild's annual sale and show

"Everything and the Kitchen Sink" is the theme of the Berkeley Potters Guild's 33rd annual sale and show. The gallery show features 20 ceramic artists and will display a holiday kitchen with handmade heirlooms, whimsical teapots, tableware, delicate bowls, hand-painted vases and more one-of-a-kind, functional works.

The show is held at the Pot-

ters Guild, 731 Jones St. (three blocks north of 4th Street), on weekends Dec. 4-5, 11-12, and 18-19 and Dec. 20-24, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 510-524-7031.

## Find crafts, food at farmer's market fair

The Berkeley Farmers' Market will hold its 12th Annual Holiday Crafts Fair, a benefit for the Ecology Center, featuring California's best organic farmers, and prepared lunch options, Saturdays, Dec. 4, 11, and 18 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Martin Luther King, Jr. Civic Center Park (next to the farmers' market), Center St. at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

The farmers market presents organic vegetables and fruit, and the crafts fair artisans offer a variety of hand-crafted gifts including jewelry, fabric arts, leather, ceramics, hats, dolls, fine art, photos, soaps and herbal potions, and other items.

Visitors will be entertained by live music all day every day of the fair featuring World Harmony Chorus (vocal chorus); Alan K. Lipton (folk/rock); Mark Abdilla (classical guitar); Laurie Chastain (traditional fiddle); Michael

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# Holiday

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## El Cerrito, Albany, Kensington

### Art show, sale and fair on Sunday

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The Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley is at 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. For more information call 510-525-0302.

### Holiday programs at Kensington library

The Kensington Library will present a special afternoon of holiday music performed by the Young People's Chamber Orchestra on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. The all-string orchestra is comprised of talented young musicians between the ages 8-14.

Come to the library for a special holiday music program by the Network High School Handbell Choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the library, High school and college students, parents and adults are all part of the ensemble. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, help

make ornaments and decorate the library's tree, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. The Kensington Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is at 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707-1098. Phone: 510-524-3043.

## Oakland

### Holiday events for kids at Oakland Zoo

Oakland Zoo presents the following holiday workshops for kids (for which there is an extra charge): silk screen holiday cards, 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 4; recycled paper roundup 1-3 p.m. Dec. 4; create ornaments 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 11; make soap gifts 1-3 p.m. Dec. 11; and make gifts for your pets 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18. Kids can have breakfast with Santa from 9 a.m.-noon Dec. 11, 12, 18 and 19. Kids can also take photos with Santa; pre-registration is required.

The Oakland Zoo is located at 9777 Golf Links Road. Details: call 510-632-9525 ext. 142 or go to www.oaklandzoo.org.

### Oakland Holiday Parade this weekend

Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, the fifth annual Oakland Tribune Holiday Parade begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 11th Street and Broadway. Expected to draw a large crowd, the parade will wind down Broadway, 20th and Harrison streets before finishing near Lake Merritt. Call Linda Kiehle at 510-433-0486 for more information and to register as a volunteer.

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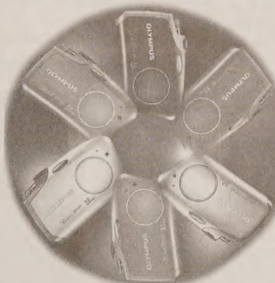
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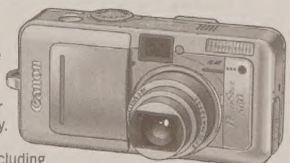


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## Plan

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"Why do we even need a parking garage?" asked resident Carol Elmstedt. "Why would people pay and walk further when they can park on the streets for free?"

Residents feared the new development would reflect and in-

crease the noise of BART trains, which they said was already at a high level. Mani Feniger said the noise impact labeled "less than significant" in the SEIR "may be a statistical theory but is not reality."

She pleaded with the commissioners to tour the neighborhood to hear the noise for themselves.

"You owe it to us to be responsive to come to our homes

and be real on the impacts," she said.

Resident Charles Burress submitted a petition with 508 signatures opposing the project. He said residents were not opposed to housing but opposed to the noise, traffic circulation problems and pollution he said the project would generate.

He also believed the SEIR is violating the California Environmental Quality Act because it's

not addressing a down-scaled version of the project the developer has said it plans to build.

Residents also said more people would lose views of Mount Tamalpais and Albany Hill than the SEIR indicates.

The SEIR summary says the development would have "less-than-significant impacts" in all areas that it studied, provided mitigation measures are employed.

## Orchard

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Based out of San Jose, Orchard has 82 stores in California, according to the Web site [www.osh.com](http://www.osh.com). However, the company would not comment on locating in El Cerrito.

"OSH evaluates real estate locations on an ongoing basis," said Rick Saunders, Orchard Supply Hardware's marketing manager. "We're aware of and familiar with the location in El Cerrito, however it's premature for us to discuss any real estate site until a lease signed."

Before the meeting, redevelopment manager Lori Trevino said a rule of thumb for potential sales tax revenue is \$2 per square foot of business per year. Under that scenario, Orchard may generate more than \$121,000 for the city annually.

"We would not suffer from Pastime suffer," said the Pastime manager. "But at the same time, we like Pastime manager pretty well with the business because they offer customer service and what we really saw in Depot came in here."

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce board issued a statement saying it was "happy that a good business wishes to move into a long-vacant Home Depot store at 1751 Easton."

"While only time will determine if this or any other of this or any other chamber notes with the prompt and efficient of city staff in the matter."

Reach Alan Lopez at 3578.

## Hurley

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Hurley grew up in Richmond, graduating from Salesian High School in 1968, and attended Contra Costa College with an eye toward becoming a history teacher, a career befitting his appetite for local history and encyclopedic memory.

But Hurley took a few policing courses there and was hooked. He joined the San Pablo

Police Department as a reserve officer in 1972 in preparation for his first full-time job.

"I stumbled on this career by mistake. I was just taking a few courses to fill elective space," Hurley said. "Then I signed up for one, took it, and I was fascinated."

At the time, police jobs were scarce and the labor market flush with young soldiers returning from the Viet Nam War. Hurley beat about 350 applicants to earn a job in El Cerrito in April 1975.

He was promoted to sergeant in 1980, then promptly demoted in the wake of Proposition 13-related staffing reductions. His rank was restored in 1981, and he became a commander in 1998.

Hurley said he doesn't feel like a retiree and intends to find a second career. He lives with his wife of 30 years, Deborah, and has three children. Hurley's family has lived in the area for generations. His grandfather was once the editor of the El Cerrito Journal.

Kirkland said the department has not finalized decisions about how to replace Hurley. It will be difficult, he said, to find a replacement for a quietly competent, behind-the-scenes leader.

"I don't like being the front man," said Hurley, explaining why he never wanted to be the chief. "I never wanted to be the public face of the department."

Reach Karl Fischer at 510-262-2728 or [kfischer@cctimes.com](mailto:kfischer@cctimes.com).

## Solano

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Santa Claus will stroll along upper Solano on Saturday, Dec. 11 and on lower Solano on Dec. 18 from 1 to 3 p.m.

On Dec. 24, there will be free cable car-style bus rides from 1 to 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Albany Chamber of Commerce, the cars will stop about every two blocks and run from UC Village, north on San Pablo Avenue and onto Solano.

"It's a free ride for people to do their last-minute freak-out shopping," Bullwinkel said.

For \$2 or less, gift-wrapping will be available at the Albany chamber office, 1108 Solano Ave., with free hot cider, from noon until after 4 p.m., Saturdays, Dec. 11 and Dec. 17.

Solano Avenue Gift Certifi-

cates that can be used at almost 30 businesses are available in \$10 denominations at Solano Avenue businesses Solano Jewelers, 1895 Solano Ave.; Ideas 4 Elements, 1770 Solano Ave.; Violet, 1747 Solano Ave.; the Albany chamber office or the Solano Avenue Association office, 1563 Solano.

In addition to shopping, residents can also donate new pairs of socks, preferably containing toiletries, that will be distributed to local shelters.

The socks can be delivered to sock trees located in banks on Solano Avenue. They are the California Bank and Trust, 1451 Solano Ave.; The Mechanics Bank, 1801 Solano Ave. or 801 San Pablo Ave.; Washington Mutual Bank 1870 Solano Ave.; or Wells Fargo Bank, 1800 Solano Ave.

Residents can also donate new, unwrapped toys in the toy

barrels at California Bank and Trust; Marvin Gardens Real Estate, 1579 Solano Ave.; Powder Box, 1757 Solano Ave.; Red Oak Realty, 1891 Solano Ave.; or The Mechanics Banks.

Meanwhile, members of the Lions Club have installed Christmas lights on the light poles on lower Solano.

"There's a lot of exciting things happening and it's a fun place for people to come and enjoy their afternoons," said Taylor, a member of the Albany Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Kelly Battaglieri, a manager

at Mary and Joe's Sporting Goods on San Pablo Avenue in Albany, said she liked the efforts to make Solano Avenue more appealing for the holidays but wished it would extend out farther.

"Solano Avenue gets all the attention and the little guys on San Pablo get — not tossed aside — but forgotten," she said. "But it think it's great. I think the city needs to get dolled up, you know."

Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or at [alopez1@cctimes.com](mailto:alopez1@cctimes.com).

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HALF TIMBERING on the spectacular Miller & Warnecke design at 125 Wildwood Gardens in Piedmont defines the home's Tudor Revival style. Denise Bates designed award-winning gardens.

## Piedmont home nestled in prestigious Wildwood Gardens

BY DENNIS EVANOSKY  
SECTION EDITOR

1986 the notable architectural firm of Miller & Warnecke designed an impressive Tudor Revival home for Piedmont Furniture vice-president Henry E. Jackson and his wife, Gertrude. Henry was the son of the founder, Henry Jackson. The home's address—

125 Wildwood Gardens—made the home and its surroundings just that much more impressive.

Wildwood Gardens once served as the lavish estate of real-estate magnate Frank C. Havens and his wife, Leila. The Havens built 101 Wildwood Gardens

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### Real Estate Spotlight:

## Mediterranean home overlooks the Bay



A TRUE MASTERPIECE by Montclair Building Company and well known architect Philip O. Perkins awaits new owners. This home at 399 Gravatt Dr. in Oakland has it all from its well appointed gourmet kitchen to its level courtyard with built-in barbecue to its mediaroom with a 60-inch wide screen television set that is included in the price, it is obvious that between the architect and the builder they really thought of everything.

The curb appeal tells you that this is a special home. As you walk down to the level courtyard a few things catch your eyes—the oversized Doric columns emphasize the Mediterranean style and the hand-carved front door tells you that quality was put into this house. Step into the entry way and appreciate the warm colors, Brazilian cherry floors and handtroweled walls. Solid hand-carved doors are installed through the entire home, the gourmet kitchen has all the amenities one could desire, and the master suite is spectacular. There are three additional bedrooms and a small yard accessed from the lower level. Add great San Francisco, Bay Bridge, Golden Gate and north bay views and you know this is an incredible home.

Price: \$2,250,000.

Listing agent: David Eckert, Coldwell Banker, 510-339-4720, david@eastbayhills.com or www.eastbayhills.com.

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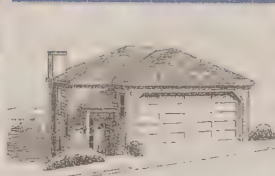


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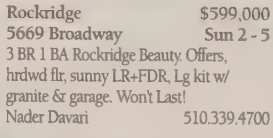
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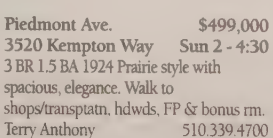
Albany

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947 Hillside Ave. Sun 1 - 4  
2 BR 2 BA Hill Town Home w/ views! Frplc, rem. kitchen, bonus room, 3 levels. A must see!!

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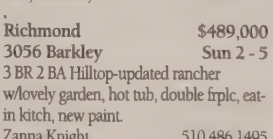
Piedmont Ave.

\$499,000

3520 Kempton Way Sun 2 - 4:30  
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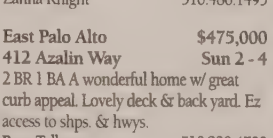
Richmond

\$489,000

3056 Barkley Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 2 BA Hilltop-updated rancher w/ lovely garden, hot tub, double frplc, eat-in kitchen, new paint.

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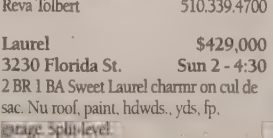
East Palo Alto

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412 Azalin Way Sun 2 - 4  
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Richmond

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4201 Roosevelt Sun 2 - 4  
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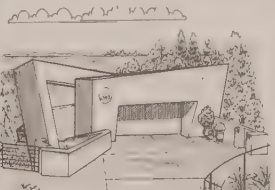
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LEFT: MILLER AND WARNECKE CONTINUED the home's half timbering on the private side of the home. A lantern shows the way to the path that leads through the 20,000-plus square-foot lot to Wildwood Creek. ABOVE: The fireplace is the focal point of the home's spacious formal living room.

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DESIGNER BILL REMICK redid the home's kitchen in 1998. His award-winning innovation fully complements Miller-Warnecke's original design.

## Home

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In 1908, when Havens and Francis Marion "Borax" Smith ran the Realty Syndicate—a company that helped shape many of Oakland's neighborhoods.

After Frank died in 1917, Leila began selling the land that surrounded her home. Nineteen years later, the Jacksons had acquired a choice part of Havens' estate and decided to live there. They called on a well-known Oakland architectural firm to design a home for them and their two daughters.

Chester H. Miller and Carl I. Warnecke established their relationship in 1917, one that lasted until Miller's death in 1951. According to City of Oakland records, "The firm hit a good stride for the building boom that set in" in the 1920s. "After a start in residential work, the firm began to get contracts for the larger structures for which they later became noted."

These structures included the Tudor Hall Apartments, Women's City Club, and the Hill Castle Apartments. In 1929 the firm won a national prize for their design of Castlemont High School.

"Although nearly all architectural offices in Oakland closed during the Great Depression, Miller & Warnecke decided to remain open," say the records. "Though barely ac-

tive, the firm emerged in the late '30s as one of Oakland's leading architectural firms. The reason for their predominance is evident in the 1936 design of the Jackson home in Wildwood Gardens.

Early in 1938, two years after designing the Jackson home, the newly organized Oakland Housing Authority appointed Warnecke chairman of a board of five architects to design three large housing projects.

During World War Two the firm again decided to remain open and active regardless of the lower business volume. In 1945, Warnecke's son John Carl entered the firm. When Miller retired in 1951, a new partnership known as Warnecke & Warnecke was formed.

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These timbers hint at—but do not duplicate—medieval building techniques. In medieval houses, the timber framing was integral with the structure. Victorian-era Tudor Revival houses, however, merely suggest the structural framework with false half-timbering.

## VITAL STATISTICS

**What:** A Miller-Warnecke-designed Tudor Revival home in Piedmont's Wildwood Gardens

**Size:** Approximately 7,673 square feet on a 20,270-square-foot lot

**Bedrooms:** Five

**Bathrooms:** Four full baths and three powder rooms

**Features:** Henry E. Jackson, son of the successful Jackson Furniture founder, Henry Jackson, built this magnificent home for his family in 1936. The home has five bedrooms including a full west wing master suite, four full baths, three powder rooms, a cozy library, spectacular award-winning family room and adjacent chef's kitchen, an elegant formal dining room and a living room. French doors open to three outdoor terraces with two fireplaces, and stunning garden vistas from most rooms. Completing the enormous overall appeal of this rare offering is the convenience of a three-car garage, a separate tradesman's entrance, a lower-level gymnasium, game room and large laundry room.

**Price:** Upon request

**Listing agent:** Anlian Petit-Tunney, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400.

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Coldwell Banker celebrates 18th year as Toys for Tots collection

This holiday season, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is again joining forces with the United States Marine Corps Reserve to collect Toys for Tots. This season marks Coldwell Banker's 18th consecutive year as an official gift collector. The annual program is designed to provide holiday joy for needy children through the collection and distribution of new, unwrapped toys. Coldwell Banker agents will serve as official collectors from now until December 17.

Started in 1947, Toys for Tots was born from a small Los Angeles project to a nationwide program. Over the past 57 years, Marines have distributed

mas meals for those less fortunate. The 2004 drive runs until Dec. 31. Call 510-834-3663 ext. 318.

## TOYS & TOTS

■ Several companies in the real estate industry support the Toys For Tots Foundation (TFTF) locally. The annual program collects new, unwrapped toys for distribution to needy children.

■ Coldwell Banker teamed up with the Marine Corps for the drive. Find a CB collection center at all their offices or at [www.coldwellbanker.com](http://www.coldwellbanker.com).

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## HARRIS ELECTED

■ The Oakland Association of Realtors Annual Inaugural is Dec. 10. OAR will honor their current leadership while welcoming the 2005 board of directors. After 2004 president Don Dunning of Wells & Bennett offers a farewell, California Association of Realtors Past President Dick Gaylord will install 2005 president Lois Harris of Prudential California Realty. The evening gala is held in the Rotunda Building in downtown Oakland. Kim Cleghorn of RE/Max, Chairperson of the OLB Foundation will make a presentation to Oral Lee Brown. For ticket information send e-mail to [rspv@oar.org](mailto:rspv@oar.org).

■ The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter will gather on Dec. 16 for their installation of officers. Felecia Farrow of Seville Real Estate in Oakland is the new president. The event is held at the Linen Life Gallery in Emeryville. Call 510-601-5550 for tickets.

■ In January 2005 ARPB will hold their next inaugural. Deanna Baldridge of Ridge Realty in Oakland begins a two-year term as the president of the Associated Real Property Brokers. Congratulate her via e-mail at [deanna@ridgerealty.biz](mailto:deanna@ridgerealty.biz)

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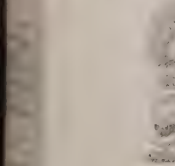
"For many children, the magic of the holiday season is only a dream," said Avram Goldman, Coldwell Banker Bay Area president and chief operating officer. "With the community's help, we'll be able to provide the needy children of our community with a memorable holiday experience."

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# Fluffy helps bring back childhood memories

Number 477 in a series of true experiences in real estate

I didn't think to talk to my aunt Wilma about Fluffy, a golden-furred cat of whom she was very fond.

It wasn't till we got home and my own silky cat, not yellow but gray, jumped to my lap and settled in for a snooze, that I remembered Fluffy.

I can still see him, his body rounded as he slept in the sun coming in the windows in my aunt's dining room. He was big. And he lived a long, long time, 22 years I think.

We were invited, as we thankfully are each year, to Thanksgiving at the home-stead-ranch in Napa. Most everyone was there, Wilma and her children, their children, and a few of the next generation too.

My cousin Paul asked me what year I had first come to the ranch: how old was I? I said I wasn't sure; when had Wilma and Bob bought it? Wilma said she thought it was 1943, so I would have been two. Val got out the metal box of important papers and shuffled through it until she found the original deed, bright red stamps affixed.

"Yes, June 1943," she told everyone at the table.

"But wait, when did Bob leave for the Army?" I asked. "He must have been here when you bought the ranch?" Discussion followed. Bob was away when their first child was born, didn't see Bobby until he was 18 months old. So I must have stayed with Wilma, alone, at the ranch, and I do have memories of those days.

Fluffy was much later, long after Bob was back from the war, long after there were four cousins to play with, to run around with barefoot in the hot summers. Once when I was very small, I wanted Wilma to put me on the seat of the red truck parked near the back door. She boosted me up, leaving one door open, then went to do something inside the house.

When I tired of my truck experience, I tried climbing down, but the gravel driveway was far below. "Wilma," I called. "Wilma." She didn't hear me.

I don't know how long I was stuck there high up in that truck but the memory has stayed all these years. Now, at Thanksgiving,

ing, Wilma says, "I don't remember that," and I tell her that's just what my mom, Wilma's sister, always said.

"Remember when," I'd say at various times, then tell of some intense happening. "No," she'd answer, "I just don't remember that."

Everyone laughs. "We did have good times, didn't we?" says Wilma.

Oh yes, we certainly did. Eating juicy peaches off the



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no specialized knowledge they were interested in. I don't think I felt this way, but as the oldest in the group, I

probably was teased less than my brother and sister. I did want to know why my cousins laughed when I called their cattle "cows."

I was fascinated, also horrified, at branding and castrating. "What are they doing, and why?" I asked

listening to the terrible bawling of calves. Tying up the grapes looked tedious; migrant Mexican families with their babies under the prune trees, exotic. Mournful nighttime cries to mama, mama, I was greatly relieved to learn, came not from a small child but from a peacock's call.

There were lots of warnings to the uninitiated, including me. "Don't stand behind the horses; they kick. Make sure the saddle girth is tight or you'll roll off the horse. Don't go near the lake or the Mudman will get you. Close the gates."

This last I got into trouble over. I'm pretty sure I was the one who left a gate open once. Two horses got out and ran like the wind through the orchards toward the road.

Bob was real mad. We all - Bob first, Wilma and all the kids and I - ran after them. I can still see it, all of us running over the rough dirt calling to the horses. I felt very bad.

Bob eventually caught them, came back into the cozy house still angry. But, no doubt, Wilma was already running water in the bathtub upstairs for a bunch of us to take a bath at once. Afterward, when we all had our p.j.'s on, she would read to us, and for sure, we went to sleep with good dreams of the morrow. As I assume, did Fluffy.

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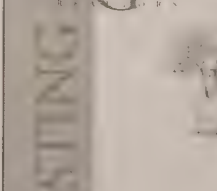
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938 The Alameda - \$780,000  
122 The Uplands - \$1,250,000

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1339 Contra Costa Dr - \$830,000  
2417 Edwards - \$649,000  
2646 Francisco Wy - \$655,000  
1751 Liberty 105 - \$351,000  
8509 Roberta Dr - \$700,000  
2037 Tapscott - \$689,000  
2041 Tapscott - \$715,000

### EL SOBRANTE

866 Allview - \$250,000  
705 Del Valle Cr - \$306,000  
635 Donna Mae Ct - \$450,000  
357 Joan Vista - \$475,000  
3722 Monteria Ct - \$352,000  
755 Renfrew Rd - \$440,000  
5025 SP Dam Rd B - \$258,000  
5365 Sobrante - \$500,000

### EMERYVILLE

6 Admiral Dr A487 - \$300,000  
6363 Christie 1621 - \$300,000  
6363 Christie 2221 - \$320,000  
7 Commodore A459 - \$285,000

### KENSINGTON

159 Arlington - \$538,000

### OAKLAND

2143 102nd - \$364,000  
2137 104th - \$330,000  
1806 105th - \$450,000  
2980 107th - \$410,000  
1738 13th - \$281,000  
2108 27th - \$220,000  
2140 27th - \$410,000  
720 32nd A - \$355,000  
2268 35th - \$600,000  
2188 40th - \$385,000  
515 42nd - \$560,000  
675 43rd - \$208,000  
864 45th - \$289,500  
1629 47th - \$390,000  
1219 54th - \$333,000  
839 56th - \$469,000  
2231 57th - \$339,000  
931 57th - \$477,000  
938 57th - \$395,000

1134 58th - \$315,000  
1147 58th - \$200,000  
1215 58th - \$385,000  
1207 60th - \$261,000  
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2115 65th - \$345,000  
1490 66th - \$350,000  
2509 66th - \$360,000  
1651 67th - \$350,000  
2447 67th - \$375,000  
1084 71st - \$289,000  
1035 73rd - \$355,000  
2381 73rd - \$298,000  
1440 77th - \$295,000  
2728 78th - \$200,000  
2339 81st - \$340,000  
1639 87th - \$335,000  
2101 90th - \$285,000  
1650 96th - \$345,000  
3311 Adeline - \$420,000

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 2825 Alleen Dr - \$899,000  
 4129 Altendale - \$410,000  
 7500 Allura Pl - \$1,388,000  
 6066 Aspinwall Rd - \$999,000  
 6432 Bancroft - \$480,000  
 6078 Bancroft - \$575,000  
 594 Bayview - \$700,000  
 2963 Birdsall - \$525,000  
 2138 Braemar Rd - \$681,000  
 5343 Bway Tr E203 - \$279,500  
 5371 Broadway - \$630,000  
 7 Buckley Ct - \$700,000  
 4932 Buena Vista - \$1,670,000  
 4130 Buena Vista - \$1,260,000  
 336 Burlwood - \$335,000  
 2407 Carmel - \$502,000  
 2539 Carmel - \$530,000  
 6650 Castle Dr - \$1,304,000  
 1688 Chandler - \$460,000  
 3421 Chestnut - \$410,000  
 3806 Clarke - \$465,000  
 1 Clapper Hill - \$750,000  
 2915 Colby - \$654,000  
 6000 Colton Bl - \$775,000  
 4655 Crescent 205 - \$195,000  
 4655 Crescent 216 - \$250,500  
 6807 Crown - \$730,000  
 2857 Dale Pl - \$395,000  
 10108 Dante - \$425,000  
 1636 Drake Dr - \$720,000  
 5518 East 16th - \$400,000  
 2233 East 19th - \$340,000  
 2233 East 20th - \$325,000  
 2419 East 23rd - \$492,000  
 2254 East 24th - \$380,000  
 2428 East 27th - \$400,000  
 2847 East 27th - \$400,000  
 2882 East 7th - \$260,000  
 1030 Elmhurst - \$422,000  
 1020 Elmhurst - \$360,500  
 1401 Excelsior - \$439,000  
 554 Fairbanks - \$625,000  
 2211 Foothill Bl - \$375,000  
 202 Frisbie B - \$900,000  
 7811 Garfield - \$330,000  
 4140 Gilbert - \$725,000  
 47 Glen - \$650,500  
 35 Grosvenor Pl - \$950,000  
 3830 Hanly Rd - \$545,000  
 322 Hanover 514 - \$365,000  
 3124 Harrison - \$560,000  
 8016 Harwood - \$880,000  
 2827 Havenscourt - \$270,000  
 7982 Hillmont Dr - \$535,000  
 2715 Inyo - \$420,000  
 226 Karwin - \$320,000  
 8088 Kingsley - \$699,000  
 48 Kingwood Rd - \$605,000  
 552 La Salle - \$1,665,000  
 5916 La Salle - \$600,000  
 1830 Lakeshore 304 - \$335,000  
 1 Lakeside 1402 - \$637,500  
 1 Lakeside 1904 - \$705,000  
 1 Lakeside Dr 801 - \$307,000  
 1 Lakeside Dr 915 - \$390,500  
 5915 Laurel - \$368,000  
 2886 Leimert Bl - \$810,000  
 7017 Locust - \$355,000  
 7071 Magee - \$505,000  
 6018 Maple - \$398,000  
 639 Melrose - \$340,000  
 1 Minn Ct - \$896,000  
 330 Monadnock - \$215,000  
 440 Montgomery - \$680,000  
 220 Morcom - \$530,000  
 724 Myrtle - \$390,000  
 50 Newton - \$839,000

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211 Crocker - \$1,150,000  
 1327 Grand - \$890,000  
 3 Maxwellton Rd - \$400,000  
 115 Monticello - \$1,687,000

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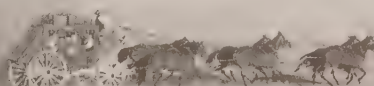
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**El Cerrito \$599,000**  
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**El Cerrito \$525,000**  
 Charming brown shingle in the heart of El Cerrito. Bright, sunny, tastefully updated 3 bedroom/1 bath home with a fireplace in living room, and hardwood floors throughout. Two decks, detached two-car garage, mature trees, landscaped backyard.  
 768 Pomona Ave.  
 Olga Stepanyan  
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 559-2921



**Hercules \$300,000**  
 Delightful 2 bed, 2 ba. condo. Living room with fireplace and sliding glass doors to new fenced patio, spacious master bedroom with bay window and double doors, updated kitchen. One-car detached garage. Best value for this immaculate condo.  
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 559-2910

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 List Price \$1,050,000  
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**2818 San Luis St. Richmond**  
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 List Price \$435,000  
 Agent: Richard Morrison  
 527-2700 x32



**880 31st St. Richmond**  
 3 bedrooms, 2 baths  
 List Price \$429,000  
 Agent: Meridee Carter  
 527-2700 x39



**1632 12th Ave. Oakland**  
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 List Price \$399,000  
 Agent: Kathie Berg  
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641 13th - \$402,000  
650 15th 2 - \$607,000  
610 16th - \$370,000  
36 1st - \$320,000  
658 20th - \$280,000  
643 24th - \$405,000  
815 26th - \$358,000

626 28th - \$350,000  
1555 2nd - \$285,000  
754 34th - \$450,000  
420 41st - \$365,000  
561 6th - \$269,000  
209 7th - \$402,000  
830 7th - \$270,000  
947 8th - \$320,000  
756 9th - \$295,000  
2743 Barnard - \$489,000  
532 Barrett - \$462,000  
2520 Beach Head - \$410,000  
5509 Central - \$400,000  
416 Chesley - \$250,000

126 Crest - \$780,000  
56 Duboce - \$85,000  
4803 Fall - \$422,000  
1811 Florida - \$320,000  
2210 Garvin - \$400,000  
2700 Garvin - \$305,000  
2022 Gaynor - \$240,000  
2852 Gaynor - \$363,000  
2804 Gonzaga - \$357,000  
608 Harrison Dr - \$325,000  
2404 Highgate Dr - \$535,000  
5234 Huntington - \$320,000  
2841 Lincoln - \$330,000

2334 Maricopa - \$550,000  
2611 Marquette Ct - \$479,000  
829 Meadow View - \$723,000  
833 Meadow View - \$769,000  
835 Meadow View - \$781,000  
2861 Moran - \$360,000  
1412 Nevin Plz - \$244,000  
1418 Nevin Plz - \$338,000  
1422 Nevin Plz - \$367,500  
760 Rock Rose Wy - \$590,000  
3128 Roosevelt - \$420,000  
401 Sanford - \$248,000  
208 South 12th - \$336,000  
134 South 20th - \$280,000

626 South 30th - \$385,000  
214 South 41st - \$485,000  
4519 Taft - \$610,000  
230 Tanglewood - \$661,000  
232 Tanglewood - \$908,500  
1790 Tulare - \$316,000  
3233 Tulare - \$412,000  
3748 Via Verdi - \$265,000  
124 Willard - \$260,000  
613 Wilson - \$443,000  
661 Wilson - \$385,000  
1455 York - \$305,000  
608 Yuba - \$556,000

## SAN LEANDRO

1210 148th - \$428,000  
1440 151st - \$458,000  
14198 Acapulco - \$400,000  
15038 Alexandria - \$400,000  
598 Alvarado - \$798,000  
2204 Bermuda - \$300,000  
169 Beverly - \$696,000  
908 Burkhar - \$570,000

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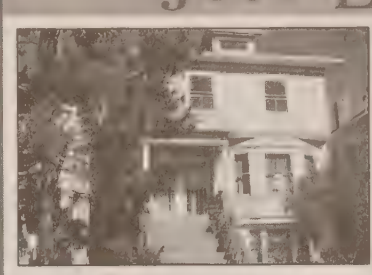
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1292 Dorothy - \$485,000  
 1806 Dowling Bl - \$400,000  
 1840 Eyleth - \$470,000  
 1948 Fairway - \$380,000  
 15427 Jewelling - \$525,000  
 1844 Lucille - \$420,000  
 1110 Marina Bl - \$775,000  
 2851 Mariner Wy - \$649,000

724 Martin Bl - \$445,000  
 16246 Maubert - \$416,000  
 2201 Oceanside - \$670,000  
 2170 Strang - \$470,000  
 14868 Wake - \$452,000  
 2137 Whelan - \$475,000  
 15650 Wicks Bl - \$560,000  
 3835 Yorkshire - \$345,000

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 621 Heritage Cr - \$431,000

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 1772 Keller - \$485,000  
 16085 Via Arroyo - \$450,000  
 1561 Via Buena Vista - \$505,000  
 1721 Via Chorro - \$510,500  
 1402 Via Coralla - \$460,000  
 633 Via Mirabel - \$435,000

**By the numbers**

**ALAMEDA**

TOTAL SALES: 25

**BERKELEY**

TOTAL SALES: 21

LOWEST PRICE: \$380,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$966,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$602,500  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$612,320

**ALBANY**

TOTAL SALES: 3  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$460,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$637,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$544,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$547,000



LOWEST PRICE: \$300,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,250,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$618,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$650,905

**EL CERRITO**

TOTAL SALES: 8  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$351,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$830,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$700,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$677,375

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An interesting trend is emerging among buyers of second homes. Two years ago, 78 percent of all second homes were purchased in resort or rural areas, to be used for recreational purposes. New research conducted by the National Association of Realtors shows that the majority of second homes purchased early in 2003 were investment properties. What's more, a significant number of these purchases were concentrated in metropolitan areas. What accounts for the shift?

City living is increasingly attractive to both empty nesters looking for simplicity and young professionals who want to be closer to jobs, shopping and the pleasures of urban nightlife. They're buying apartment and condominium units with no yard maintenance and convenient access to public transportation. Condominium sales are ahead of single-family home sales, and both condos and townhouses are increasing in value twice as fast as suburban single-family homes.

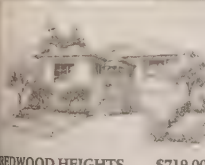
Savvy developers are seizing the opportunity to invest in commercial buildings that can be converted into city apartments. Empty factories, warehouses and historic buildings are being reconfigured into multi-use units that offer both residential and retail possibilities. Whether the trend will continue is anyone's guess - but the developers are counting on it.

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**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$719,000**  
 11 SELKIRK ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
 Gorgeous & sophisticated 3+BR/3BA traditional. Family room, spacious den, formal dining room, 2 fireplaces & attached garage. Charming garden. Convenient location. Diane E. McCan x1352



**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$649,000**  
 1400 CONTRA COSTA RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
 Charming 2BR/1.5BA cottage surrounded by million dollar homes in desirable Upper Rockridge. Patio & deck views of Lake Temescal. Expansion potential. David Ichikawa x1331

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**GLENVIEW \$519,000**  
 1441 E. 38TH ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
 New Listing! Classic 2BR/1BA bungalow in great location. Sun room, office. Spacious living & dining room w/fireplace & hardwoods. Basement workshop & storage. Detached garage, level garden. Teri Carlisle x1305

**By Appointment**



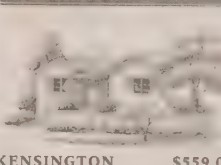
**OAKMORE \$1,475,000**  
 Phil Perkins designed, ultra-sophisticated, 2-year old SF/bay view Contemporary. 5BR/4.5BA architectural masterpiece. Soaring spaces, glass/stainless details, bamboo & inlaid stone floors. Great kitchen/family room. Unique! Steven Biasatti x1379

**By Appointment**




**BERKELEY \$718,000**  
 Lovely 3BR/2BA mid-century contemporary on a cul-de-sac in the North Berkeley hills. Open floor plan w/ beamed ceilings, hardwood floors, walls of windows. FDR, garden patio. Donna DeBardi x1374


**By Appointment**



**KENSINGTON \$559,000**  
 Charming 2+BR/2BA 1938 Traditional w/ gorgeous views. Plus room, fresh paint, refinished floors, living room w/cathedral ceiling, & great brick fireplace. Joan Dark x1316




**GLENVIEW \$559,000**  
 Duplex vacant and ready for new owners. One 1BR/1BA, the other 2BR/1.25BA. Large backyard. Newly painted inside and out. Major fixer. Kathy Flynn x1317




**TEMESCAL \$529,000**  
 Charming 2BR/1BA bungalow w/refinished hardwood. Formal dining room, updated bath w/wainscoting & tile floor. Antique light fixtures, laundry room, landscaped yard. Lee Jacobson x1309

**LAUREL \$589,000**  
 6100 PATTERSON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
 Lovely 3BR/2BA home recently upgraded and remodeled. Bay views from living room, dining room & kitchen. Private w/dsky rear yard. Great gardening opportunities. Lee Jacobson x1309




**EL CERRITO \$589,000**  
 1010 BROOKS AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
 New Listing! Gracious Mediterranean. Dramatic living room. Hardwood floors, built-ins, partial view. 3 bedrooms plus 2 baths. Mary Montali x1350

**By Appointment**

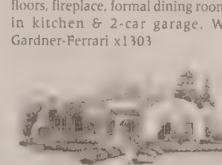


**BERKELEY \$2,950,000**  
 Stunning 4+BR/4BA contemporary in spectacular setting. Extensively remodeled. Floor to ceiling windows. A work of art! Nancy Noman x1373

**MONTCLAIR \$1,499,000**  
 All you want for Christmas in one gorgeous package! A smashing 4+BR/4.5BA hilltop contemporary w/majestic SF Bay views. Glass-framed open living areas, huge terraces, dream kitchen. Fritz Hochfellner x1348



**PIEDMONT \$1,425,000**  
 Extraordinary 4BR/3BA home w/ ultimate privacy & unobstructed sweeping views of SF, the bay & GG Bridge. Wonderful outdoor space w/deck, patio & gardens. Den, family room. Teri Carlisle x1305



**JOAQUIN MILLER \$689,000**  
 3BR/1.5BA, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, walls of glass leading to a secluded patio with built-in waterfall. Adjacent lot also available for \$149,000. Kathy Flynn x1317

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$689,000**  
 3BR/1.5BA on a large lot with hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen & 2-car garage. Wendy Gardner-Ferrari x1303

**OAKLAND HILLS LOT \$490,000**  
 Approximately 1/2 acre in beautiful Hillcrest Estates. Gentle upslope corner lot w/potential bay view in a developed area of lovely homes. Debi Fitzgerald x1306

**LAUREL \$459,000**  
 Sunny, immaculate 2BR/1BA all level home. Gleaming hardwood floors, spacious rooms, charming kitchen, patio & attached garage. Diane E. McCan x1352

**LAKE MERRITT \$305,000**  
 Lovely 2BR/1BA condo with balcony. Close to shopping. Easy commute location. Joan E. Hause x1358

**ROCKRIDGE \$289,000**  
 Stylish 1BR/1BA contemporary condominium. Spacious living area with balcony plus 1 parking space. Ashley O'Neill x1368

## Sales

FROM PAGE B7

### EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 8  
LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$500,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$300,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$378,875

### EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$285,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$320,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$300,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$301,250

### KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$538,000

### OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 143  
LOWEST PRICE: \$195,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,670,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$420,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$509,500

### PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$400,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,687,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,150,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,031,750

### RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 61  
LOWEST PRICE: \$85,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$908,500  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$367,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$410,131

### SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 27  
LOWEST PRICE: \$309,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$798,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$458,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$493,000

### SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 11  
LOWEST PRICE: \$389,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$510,500  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$450,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$453,682

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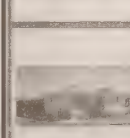
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**Mission**  
Media Gulch gem. Two vacant Victorian flats. Top floor 3 br, 1 ba. First floor 1 br, 1 ba. Many period details. Huge south facing rear yard and 1-car garage.  
\$1,000,000



**Nicasio**  
Nestled in a secluded woodland setting this 3 br, 2 ba home sits on a 5-acre lot. No expense was spared on this custom-built home with pool and separate garage.  
\$1,195,000



**South San Francisco**  
Beautiful corner home in the Brentwood area. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, dining room eat-in kitchen with Viking stove and hood. Large lot with spacious deck and landscaped rear yard.  
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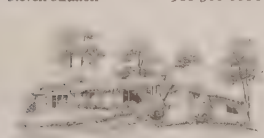
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**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$920,000**  
186 Hermosa Avenue  
Fantastic Contemporary with views and hardwood floors. Level backyard with hot tub. Great location. OPEN 1:30-4:30  
Steven Stratton 510-368-0614



**MONTCLAIR \$599,000**  
2505 Carisbrook Drive  
2 BR/ 1.5 BA Piedmont Pines Traditional Ranch on great lot! Gorgeous plant hardwood floors, charming details, open layout with spacious living room and formal dining room. Light and bright oversized kitchen with all the amenities. Landscaped yards with brick patios, paths, and outdoor fireplace!  
Nahid Nassiri 510-339-4550

## Open Sunday



**CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$499,000**  
1411 Holman Road  
Crocker Highlands/ Glenview home. Very sweet 1920's bungalow, private yard, enjoy the best of both Glenview and Crocker Highlands! Open 1-4:30  
Jennie Lippincott 510-384-3557

**ALLENDALE \$438,000**  
4071 Agua Vista Avenue  
Very spacious, move-in condition, nice street! Lower Laurel, with easy access to freeways 580/880. OPEN 2-4  
Loc Nguyen 510-339-4000

**FRUITVALE \$369,000**  
1703 37th Avenue  
Serious fixer property with great potential! 2 bedroom/ 1 bath single family home located on nice residential street walking distance to St. Elizabeth High School. Plus detached studio & 1 bedroom units.  
Maria Sinclair 510-339-4566



**ADAM'S POINT \$273,500**  
407 Orange Street  
Large completely remodeled 1 BR/1 BA condo with all new appliances, pleasant balcony setting, great location and easy freeway access. Located in Adam's Point District, move-in condition. OPEN 1-4  
David Sykes 510-339-4558

## By Appointment

**UPPER LAUREL \$729,000**  
Half acre ridge top Bay View! Upper Laurel remodeled country cottage, 2 BR/ 2 BA.  
CeCe Rosati 510-387-0658

## By Appointment



**ROCKRIDGE BORDER \$595,000**  
1920's 3 BD/ 2.5 BA w/hardwood floors and amazing details. Living room with picture windows and cozy fireplace with built in shelves. Light and bright kitchen updated with all the amenities. Master bedroom retreat w/ sundroom!  
Nahid Nassiri 510-339-4550



**UPPER LAUREL \$579,000**  
Berkeley style home at Oakland prices. Very unique bungalow in Upper Laurel, 2+ BR/ 2 BA, big eat in kitchen, Wolfe Range, lots of extra space, music studio. Open 1-4:30  
Jennie Lippincott 510-384-3557

**OAKLAND \$579,000**  
Gorgeous and modern 4 BR/ 2.5 BA home with sweeping bay views! Open floor plan with fireplace in living room, dining area, bright and airy kitchen, huge laundry room, skylights, master bedroom w/ private bath and deck, studio style in-law w/separate entry, new carpet, new interior paint, two-car garage, huge lot. Perfect for large family. A must see.  
Lila Owens 510-376-4593



**BROOKLYN AREA \$475,000**  
Surrounded by stately traditionals, this split-level 3+ BR/ 1.5 BA bungalow is ideal for separate space living at an affordable price!  
Rosemary Greene 510-406-4424

## By Appointment



**ALAMEDA \$425,000**  
3 BD/ 2 BA 1895 charming and spacious traditional Victorian with industrial zoning and location perfect for store front use or live/ workspace. In need of some TLC and selling in "AS IS" condition.  
Nahid Nassiri 510-339-4550

**OAKLAND \$385,000**  
Clean Maxwell Park charmer! Beautiful updated with pergo floors in the dining rooms, kitchen and laundry room. Two off-street parking, a perfect starter home!  
Ken Nwokedi 510-339-4000

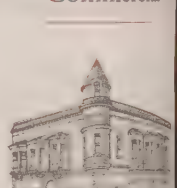
**BERKELEY \$329,000**  
Too good to be true, South Berkeley Victorian fixer! 2 bedroom/ 1 bath, 900 square feet. It could be raised to include another unit in the basement.  
Sherdella Sims 510-339-4000

**OAKLAND \$325,000**  
West Oakland Fixer! Nice floor plan with hardwood floors, 2 BR/ 1 BA upstairs, living room, formal dining room with fireplace, eat-in kitchen and laundry room on main level. Large backyard.  
Ken Nwokedi 510-339-4000

**MAXWELL PARK \$295,000**  
Cute and cozy bungalow in Lower Maxwell Park. Open floorplan with 2 BR/ 1 BA, hardwood floors under carpet, spacious kitchen with tile counters and new windows. 1 car garage, low pest report. Vacant and move-in condition.  
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**CLEAR LAKE \$10,000-\$12,000**  
Affordable lake county lots! Adjacent lots for sale in Clear Lake. Both lots are flat, have access to electricity, water and a functional septic tank.  
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## Commercial



**OAKLAND \$1,070,000**  
Huge price reduction! Gorgeous Victorian mixed use building. Restaurant income units/ offices upstairs (rent only). Bar/restaurants/ nightclub at retail store downstairs.  
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**EAST OAKLAND \$850,000**  
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**MAXWELL PARK \$360,000**  
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**MAXWELL PARK \$340,000**  
Mixed use, three residential units and one commercial. Great investment opportunity. 2600 Kingsland Avenue.  
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**SAN LEANDRO \$329,000**  
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**CASTRO VALLEY**  
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master bathroom, Jacuzzi tub,  
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Juniata Center in the Proctor School District.  
\$889,000

**ALAMEDA**  
1000 BAYVIEW DRIVE  
any year of the bay from this rare single  
home - 3 bdrms, 2 baths with hardwood  
floor, French tile water heater  
\$618,000

**1000 EAGLE AVE**  
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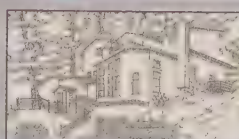
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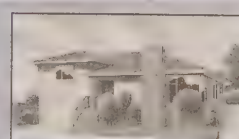
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**Sunday 1-5 \$949,000**  
6690 Girvin Drive, Oakland. Bright,  
lofty 3BR/2.5BA contemporary. 1st  
open!  
Flint/Marchesotti (510) 339-9290



**Sunday 2-5 \$495,000**  
2141 E. 29th St. Spacious split  
level 4BR/1.5BA, nice Highland  
Heights.  
Mayling Trinh (510) 834-2010



**Sunday 2-5 \$409,000**  
870 Aileen, Oakland. Just listed!  
Gorgeous vintage 2BR in artsy-hip  
North Oakland!  
Adrianne Nash (510) 845-0211

### Oakland

**Sunday 2-4 \$975,000**  
255 3rd St. #312. Price reduction,  
spacious loft, 3BR/2BA.  
Karina Bredikhina (510) 701-6883

**Sunday 2-4:30 \$650,000**  
1031 Shay Drive. Rebuilt  
4BR/2.5BA Eichler with panoramic  
Bay and S.F. views.  
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**Sunday 2-4:30 \$529,000**  
280 Orange Street. Sunny Spanish  
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**Oakland Foothills \$525,000**  
Unobstructed views, 3BR/2BA, family  
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**Sunday 2-4:30 \$480,600**  
2500 Oakland Avenue. Large  
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### Oakland

**Sunday 1-4 \$365,000**  
6725 Avenal. Wonderful home in  
nice area. 2BR/1BA, new roof,  
kitchen, bath. Fireplace.  
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**Sunday 2-5 \$599,000**  
5833 Yale. Custom remodeled  
2BR/2.5BA with huge gourmet  
kitchen.  
Ed Marshall (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-4 \$435,000**  
434 Spring. 3BR/2BA, large family  
room with fireplace, detached office.  
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**Sunday 2-4 \$299,000**  
547 18th Street. Sweet 2BR/1BA, 1  
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### Residential Income

**Sunday 1-5 \$850,000**  
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**Sunday 1-4 \$699,999**  
845 Appar Street, Oakland. 4 unit  
apartment. 1-3BR/1.5BA, 3-2BR/1BA.  
Muriel Watkins-Dixon (510) 834-2010

### Residential Income

**2 Houses/1 Lot \$455,000**  
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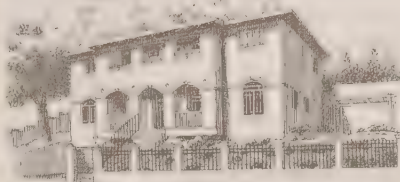


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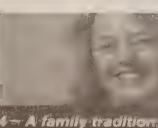
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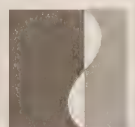


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**RICHMOND** \$379,900  
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COMPANY	Loan Product	Rate/Points	APR/Lock	Rate/Points	APR/Lock
AAA Mortgage	30-yr Fixed	5.75	0.000	5.71	0.000
888-821-6200	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.75	0.000	5.71	0.000
DRE# 01096146 Fees=\$1595	5/1 ARM Jumbo	4.75	0.000	4.81	0.000
AimLoan.com	30-yr Fixed	5.625	0.000	5.50	0.000
888-411-4246	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.625	0.000	5.50	0.000
DRE# 01235124 Fees=\$2400	15-yr Fixed	5.00	0.375	5.00	0.375
Amerisave Mortgage Corp.	5/1 ARM	4.625	0.000	4.625	0.000
866-514-7283	5/1 ARM Jumbo	5.00	0.000	5.00	0.000
DO# 6038592 Fees=\$1223	5/1 ARM	4.625	0.000	4.625	0.000
Bay Area Funding	30-yr Fixed	5.50	1.000	5.50	1.000
925-930-3100	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.50	1.000	5.50	1.000
DRE# 769452 Fees=\$2316	1st Time Buyer 30	4.25	0.000	4.25	0.000
BayCal Financial Corp.	5/1 ARM	4.625	0.000	4.625	0.000
877-288-8368	5/1 ARM Jumbo	4.75	0.000	4.75	0.000
DRE# 01118696 Fees=\$1704	5/1 ARM	4.625	0.000	4.625	0.000
Cal-State Funding	30-yr Fixed	5.625	0.000	5.625	0.000
800-883-5363	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.625	0.000	5.625	0.000
DRE# 00874441 Fees=\$2010	3/1 ARM Jumbo	4.625	0.000	4.625	0.000
CMG Mortgage Services	30-yr Fixed	5.50	1.250	5.50	1.250
800-955-5339	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.50	1.250	5.50	1.250
DRE# 01370755 Fees=\$1433	3/1 ARM	4.625	0.000	4.625	0.000
Countrywide Home Loans	30-yr Fixed	5.50	0.000	5.50	0.000
888-484-7776	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.50	0.000	5.50	0.000
DRE# 01215125 Fees=\$1215	10/1 ARM Jumbo	4.625	0.000	4.625	0.000
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800-616-8208	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.250	2.000	5.250	2.000
DO# 8132004 Fees=\$1890	15-yr Fixed	4.50	2.000	4.50	2.000
Downey Savings & Loan	30-yr Fixed	5.375	1.875	5.375	1.875
800-798-2148	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.375	1.875	5.375	1.875
DO# 86037471 Fees=\$1428	1-mo COFI ARM	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
First Blackhawk Financial	5/1 ARM	4.625	0.000	4.625	0.000
800-796-9841	5/1 ARM Jumbo	4.75	0.000	4.75	0.000
DRE# 01144055 Fees=\$1986	5/1 ARM	4.625	0.000	4.625	0.000
Golden Gate Home Loans	30-yr Fixed	5.50	0.000	5.50	0.000
877-246-5899	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.50	0.000	5.50	0.000
DO# 6052720 Fees=\$1946	15-yr Fixed	4.50	0.000	4.50	0.000
Imperial Mortgage	30-yr Fixed	5.250	1.000	5.250	1.000
800-961-2274	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.250	1.000	5.250	1.000
DRE# 01033924 Fees=\$1453	5/1 Interest Only	4.125	1.000	4.125	1.000
Mortgage Market	30-yr Fixed	5.750	0.000	5.750	0.000
800-837-5626	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.750	0.000	5.750	0.000
DRE# 00885692 Fees=\$1876	15-yr Fixed	4.50	0.000	4.50	0.000
Northern Mutual Corp.	30-yr Fixed	5.50	0.000	5.50	0.000
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DRE# 01243581 Fees=\$2348	6 month ARM	4.00	0.000	4.00	0.000
Pacific West Financial	30-yr Fixed	5.625	0.000	5.625	0.000
800-798-7334	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.625	0.000	5.625	0.000
DRE# 01124581 Fees=\$1694	5/1 ARM	4.625	0.000	4.625	0.000
Premier Mortgage Group	30-yr Fixed	5.50	0.000	5.50	0.000
888-389-6633	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.50	0.000	5.50	0.000
DO# 4130386 Fees=\$1992	3/1 ARM	4.625	0.000	4.625	0.000
Saratoga Bancorp	30-yr Fixed	5.625	0.000	5.625	0.000
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DRE# 01220328 Fees=\$1893	15-yr Fixed	4.50	0.000	4.50	0.000
Washington Mutual Bank	30-yr Fixed	5.50	0.000	5.50	0.000
925-255-7171	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.50	0.000	5.50	0.000
DRE# 01351704 Fees=\$1449	3/1 ARM	4.625	0.000	4.625	0.000
Wells Fargo Home Mtge.	30-yr Fixed	5.50	0.000	5.50	0.000
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A Superior Mortgage	30-yr Fixed	5.50	0.000	5.50	0.000
800-591-4446	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.50	0.000	5.50	0.000
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### 4544 MERRILL AVENUE

\$519,000

OAKLAND. A sunny kitchen/family room leads to the beautiful perennial garden in this great 3+BR/1BA Laurel home. Freshly painted w/hardwood floors & recreation room. Linda McClain



### 644 CHETWOOD STREET

\$1,150,000

OAKLAND. Grand 2-unit Victorian, on a large lot w/sunny lawn & gardens, steps from the Rose Garden. Perfect for owner occupancy. Owner unit has 2BR/1.5BA. Fireplace, hardwood floors & original details. Jill Carrigan



### 184 DUNCAN WAY

\$629,000

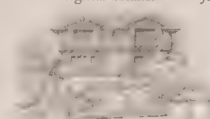
OAKLAND. Very special 2BR/1BA + non-conforming separate suite! Woodsy retreat w/private patio, updated kitchen & baths. Located close to shops & transportation. Bebe McRae



### 3522 WILSON AVENUE

\$489,000

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### 279 KENYON AVENUE

\$615,000

KENSINGTON. Celebrate and enjoy the holidays in this handsome, airy and gracious traditional home with remodeled kitchen, fireplace and sunny enclosed garden. 2BR/1BA. Ronald Egherman



### 2501 DURANT AVENUE

\$389,000

OAKLAND. Corner cottage with an enclosed garden, carport and workshop. This sweet two plus bedrooms, one bath home is located on the Oakland/San Leandro border and is move in ready. Michael Friedman

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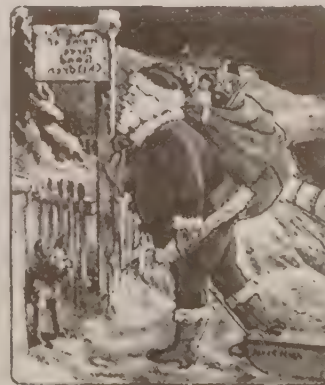
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\$340,000	1311 Webster #E119	2BD/1BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	West End	510-814-4872	
Harbor Bay Realty		Ginger Schuler	
\$399,900	2101 Shoreline Drive #229	2BD/1.5BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	510-748-1148/748-1125	510-523-5664	
Gallagher & Lindsey		Virginia Ambrosini	
\$489,000	2101 Shoreline Drive #448	2BD/1.5BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	510-748-1148/748-1125	510-523-5664	
Gallagher & Lindsey		Pacita Dimacall/Troy Staten	
\$495,000	728 Lincoln Ave	3BD/1BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	510-205-4369/388-7214/205-3575	510-523-5664	
Kane & Associates		David G./Valerie N./Andrew R.	
\$498,000	2101 Shoreline Dr. #351	2BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4	South Shore	510-814-4863	
Harbor Bay Realty		Tisa Beene	
\$499,000	3025 Cerro Vista	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4		510-303-2525	
Alameda Realty		Bette Barr	
\$510,000	1069 Mangrove Lane	3BD/1.5BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	510-919-5485/273-9444	510-814-4870	
Kane & Associates		John Bergman/Uli LiRosi	
\$519,000	1050 Central Ave	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4	Central Alameda	510-748-5410	
Gold Coast Real Estate		Dianne Richmond	
\$525,000	1334 Fernside Blvd	2BD/1.5BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4870	
Harbor Bay Realty		Pat Koutoulakis	
\$538,000	1713 Nason St	2+BD/1+BA	
Sat & Sun 1-4		510-755-4003	
Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes		John Chang	
\$559,000	831 Santa Clara Ave.	2BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4	West End	510-814-4846	
Harbor Bay Realty		Janice Payne	

Alameda			
\$569,000	2530 Webb Ave	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4		510-681-5249	
Alameda Realty		Carol Knight	
\$569,500	451 Central Ave	Duplex	
Sat & Sun 2-4	510-748-1108/917-1617	510-748-5300	
Gallagher & Lindsey		Bill Bissett & Griselda Marino	
\$575,000	1283 Weber St.	2BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4	Gold Coast	510-748-5300	
Homes-Link Real Estate		George Gadsby	
\$589,000	1013 Broadway	3BD/1.5BA	
Sun 2-4		510-522-8749	
Centennial Real Estate		Linda Larkin	
\$595,000	1060 Mangrove Ln	3BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4839	
Harbor Bay Realty		Bill Douglas	
\$625,000	640 Pacific Ave	2 units	
Sun 2-4	West End	510-814-4837	
Harbor Bay Realty		Rick Powell	
\$657,000	1316 9th Street	3+BD/2BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	Gold Coast	510-814-4826/814-4836	
Harbor Bay Realty		Donnaluci Williams/Mina Quan	
\$689,000	835 Centennial	2 homes/1 lot	
Sun 2-4	Main Island	510-523-8886	
Kane & Associates		Denise Brady	
\$699,500	2134 Alameda Ave	3+BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	510-748-1108/917-1617	510-523-5664	
Gallagher & Lindsey		Bill Bissett & Griselda Marino	
\$739,000	172 Purcell Drive	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4810	
Harbor Bay Realty		Jane Friedrich	
\$748,000	217 Stanbridge Court	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay	510-483-1676	
Kane & Associates		Krystyna Nowak	

Alameda			
\$805,000	1101 College	4BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4		510-821-4040	
Alameda Realty		Chris Price	
\$869,000	2865 Santa Clara Ave.	5BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4832	
Harbor Bay Realty		Dania Alvarez-Morroni	
\$1,199,000	1729 San Antonio Ave	6BD/3BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Gold Coast	415-309-1650	
C21 Heritage		Andrea Gordon	
Albany			
\$499,900	947 Hillside Ave	2BD/2BA	
Sun 1-4		510-486-1495	
Coldwell Banker		Gregg Lustig	
\$675,000	845 Evelyn Ave	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-559-2939	
Marvin Gardens		Darrell Hoh	
Berkeley			
\$399,000	1515 Martin Luther King Wy	2BD/1BA	
Sun 1-4		510-486-1495	
Coldwell Banker		Marilyn Garcia	
\$499,000	834 Page St	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Ocean View	510-848-1950 x250	
Thornwall Properties		Helen & Kathryn	
\$529,000	1624 Ward St	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 1-4pm		510-292-2016	
Red Oak Realty		Michael Margado	
\$620,000	2123 Browning St	3BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-848-1950 x250	
Thornwall Properties		Kathryn & Helen	
\$1,250,000	1429 Euclid	6BD/4BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4pm	Berkeley Hills	510-429-9900	
Prudential		Judith/Sheila	
\$1,500,000	901 Hilldale Avenue	5BD/4.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		531-7000 x295	
Wells & Bennett Realtors		Heldi Kearsley	
\$1,998,000	1015 Grand View Dr	5BD/4.5BA	
Open Sun 1:30-4:30	Berkeley Hills	415-812-0978	
Focus Realty		Karen Lum	
Call For Price	17 El Camino Real	4BD/2.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133	
The Grubb Co.		C. Jones & P. Templeton	
El Cerrito			
\$525,000	768 Pomona Ave	3BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-559-2921	
Marvin Gardens		Olga Stepanyan	
\$585,000	7423 Moers Lane	2BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30pm		510-303-8245	
Coldwell Banker Bartels		Sil Adiego	
\$589,000	2611 Brooks Ave	3+BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-338-1350	
Pacific Union Residential		Mary Montali	

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\$599,000	124 Behrens St	3BD/1.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-559-2910	
Marvin Gardens		Barbara Kaplan	
\$639,000	820 Shevlin Dr	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-338-1359	
Pacific Union Residential		Michelle Vasey	
Emeryville			
\$210,000	2 Admiral Dr. #B475	0BD/1BA	
Open Sun 1-4		925-366-3276	
Pacific Union GMAC Real Estate		Brian Willingham	
\$305,000	3 Captain Dr #D205	1BD/1BA	
Open Sun 1-4		925-366-3276	
Pacific Union GMAC Real Estate		Brian Willingham	
Hercules			
\$300,000	905 Devonwood	2BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-559-2916	
Marvin Gardens		Catherine Krueger	
\$695,000	103 Hampton	4BD/2.5BA	
Sun 1:30 - 4:30		510-486-1495	
Coldwell Banker		Maxine Malberg	
Kensington			
\$615,000	279 Kenyon Ave	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133	
The Grubb Co.		Ronald Egberman	
Lafayette			
\$1,249,000	1640 Reliez Valley Rd	4+BD/3BA	
Open Sun 1-4		510-325-3047/925-286-1244	
Alain Pinel Realtors		Rich Nemeth; Lori Legler	
Oakland			
\$235,000	2917 MacArthur #31	1BD/1.5BA	
Sun 2-4pm	Dimond Dist	510-469-8009	
Keller Williams Realty		Amy Ruffin	
\$273,500	407 Orange St	1BD/1BA	
Sun 1-4pm		510-339-4558	
Montclair Better Homes		David Sykes	
\$275,000	127 Bayo Vista #303	1BD/1BA	
Sun 2-5pm	Piedmont Ave	510-834-2010	
Prudential		John F. Bell	
\$329,000	4124 Penniman Court	2BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-336-9999	
Assist-2-Sell		Howard Kane	
\$335,000	555 Jean St. #432	2BD/1BD	
Sun 2:30-4	Rose Garden	510-701-3700	
Anthony Assoc.		Tom Anthony	
\$339,000	389 Belmont Unit 109	2BD/1.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Adams Point	531-7000 x262	
Wells & Bennett Realtors		Teri L. Lester	
\$349,000	5463 Princeton St.	2BD/1BA	
Sun 1-4		510-681-5243	
Alameda Realty		Carol Knight	
\$349,000	625 El Dorado Ave #207	2BD/1BA	
Sun 1-4pm	Piedmont Ave	510-217-3489	
RE/MAX		Dave Higgins	
\$358,888	555 10th Street #117	2BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		531-7000 x240	
Wells & Bennett Realtors		Pier Porfiro	

Oakland			
\$369,000	1703 37th Ave	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Fruitvale	510-559-2910	
Montclair Better Homes		Barbara Kaplan	
\$389,000	2501 Durant Ave	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-338-1359	
The Grubb Co.		Michelle Vasey	
\$395,000	2047 27th Ave	0BD/1BA	
Sun 2-5pm	Fruitvale	925-366-3276	
Prudential		Brian Willingham	
\$396,000	7732 Crest Ave	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4		925-366-3276	
Harbor Bay Realty		Brian Willingham	
\$399,000	3030 Parker Ave	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30	East Bay Hills	510-338-1359	
Coldwell Banker		Michelle Vasey	
\$409,000	870 Alleen St	2BD/2BA	
Sun 2-5pm	North Oakland	510-559-2916	
Prudential		Catherine Krueger	
\$429,000	3230 Florida St	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30	Laurel	510-486-1495	
Coldwell Banker		Maxine Malberg	
\$438,000	4071 Agua Vista St	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	ALLENDALE	510-486-1495	
Montclair Better Homes		Maxine Malberg	
\$449,000	3033 Blossom St	3BD/2BA	
Open Sat & Sun 1-4		510-652-2133	
Century 21 Distinctive Properties		Ronald Egberman	
\$475,000	412 Azusa Way	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4	East Palo Alto "The Grubb Co."	510-325-3047/925-286-1244	
Coldwell Banker		Rich Nemeth; Lori Legler	
\$480,000	350 Oakland Ave	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Adams Point	510-834-2010	
Prudential		John F. Bell	
\$485,000	1903 E 38th	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Glenview	510-336-9999	
Wells & Bennett Realtors		Howard Kane	
\$489,000	3522 Wilson Avenue	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Laurel	510-486-1495	
The Grubb Co.		Maxine Malberg	
\$495,000	2141 E29th St	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-5pm	Highland Heights	510-834-2010	
Prudential		John F. Bell	
\$519,000	1441 E 38th St	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Glenview	510-336-9999	
Pacific Union Residential		Howard Kane	
\$519,000	4544 Merrill Avenue	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Laurel	510-486-1495	
The Grubb Co.		Maxine Malberg	
\$525,000	7522 Outlook Ave	3BD/2BA	
Open Sat/Sun 1-4		531-7000 x262	
Zip Realty		Teri L. Lester	
\$529,000	268 Orange St	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Adams Point	510-681-5243	
Prudential		Carol Knight	
\$569,000	3333 Georgia Street	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4		510-748-1148/748-1125	
Gallagher & Lindsey		Pat Koutoulakis	
\$569,000	9 Maydon Court	3BD/2BA	
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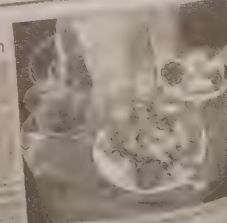
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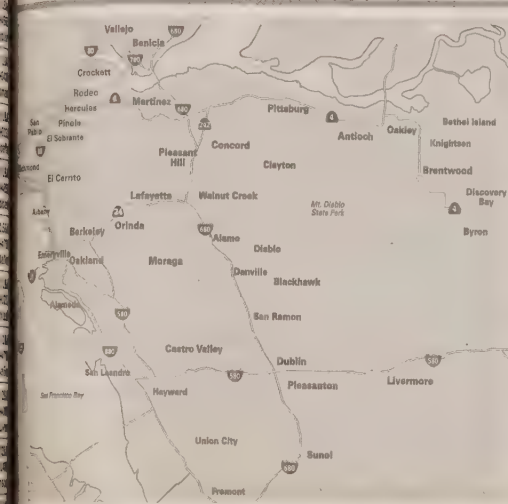
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5669 Broadway Rockridge Nader Davari	3BD/1BA 510-339-4700	5722 Merriewood Drive Montclair 510-339-4700 Becky Andersen
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6104 Contra Costa Rd. Upper Rockridge David Ichikawa	2BD/1.5BA 510-338-1331	4721 Proctor Avenue Upper Rockridge 925-469-5000 Peter Fletcher

Oakland			
\$719,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	91 Selkirk St. Redwood Heights	3+BD/3BA 510-338-1352 Diane E. McCar	
\$749,000 Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	8021 Phaeton Drive Oakland Hills	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-4700 Gary Robinson	
\$788,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	16 Shawnee Court Montclair	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Tricia Swift	
\$799,000 SUN 12-4 By Owner	5841 Moraga Upper Rockridge	3BD/2BA 510-547-3332	
\$839,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 C21 Heritage	8863 Skyline Blvd Montclair	4BD/3BA 415-309-1650 Andrea Gordon	
\$848,000 Sat & Sun 1:30-4:30 Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes	2524-2528 108th	9BD/6.5BA 510-755-4003 John Chang	
\$95,000 Open Sunday 2-4:30pm Lawton Associates	486 55th Street	510-547-5970x61 Perry Riani/Chris Fobes	
\$899,000 Open Sat & Sun 12-5 Keller Williams	560 Vernon St. Rose Garden	4BD/2 1/2 BA 510-919-4566 Brady Walsh	
\$920,000 Sun 1:30-4:30pm Montclair Better Homes	186 Hermosa Ave Upper Rockridge	4BD/2BA 510-368-0614 Steven Stratton	
\$949,000 Sun 1-5pm Prudential	6690 Girvin Dr. Montclair	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-9290 Flint/Marchesotti	
\$1,150,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	644 Chetwood Street Grand Lake	5 Units 510-339-0400 Jill Carrigan	
\$1,195,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Prudential	6167 Ocean View Dr Claremont Pines	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-9290 Heidi Marchesotti	
\$1,550,000 Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	1079 Ashmount Ave. Crocker Highlands	4BD/3.5BA 510-339-4700 Dian Hymer & Joan Duffield	

Oakland	Oakland	Piedmont	Richmond
7045 Skyline Blvd Open Sun 2-5pm New Spring Real Estate	3BD/3BA 510-524-3510 Yehuda Ben-David	3520 Kempton Way Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	4201 Roosevelt Sun. 2-4 Coldwell Banker
6343 Skyline Blvd. Sun. 2-4 Coldwell Banker	4BD/3.5BA 510-486-1495 Kim & Barbara Marienthal	30 Echo Lane@Maxwellton Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	666 McLaughlin Open Sun 1-4pm Marvin Gardens
13341 Campus Drive Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	4BD/3.5BA 510-339-0400 Debra Dryden	60 Manor Drive Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	1779 Tulare Ave Sun 1-4pm Prudential
399 Gravatt Dr. Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	4BD/4.5BA 510-339-4700 Judy Ackerman & Ellen Lancaster	845 Appar St Open Sun 1-4pm Prudential	3056 Barkley Sun. 2-5 Coldwell Banker
532 42nd St. Sun 2-4:30pm Prudential	Triplex 510-834-2010 Mac McCulloch	1416 3rd Ave Sun 2-4 Centennial Real Estate	1501 Foxglove Pl Open Sun 2-4pm Coldwell Banker Bartels
845 Appar St Open Sun 1-4pm Prudential	4 unit apt 510-507-8681 Muriel Watkins-Dixon	3520 Kempton Way Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	5838 Yale Ave Sun 2-5pm Prudential
1416 3rd Ave Sun 2-4 Centennial Real Estate	3BD 510-521-9932 Truyen The Dang	30 Echo Lane@Maxwellton Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	713 Legends Pl Open Sun 2-4pm Coldwell Banker Bartels
		60 Manor Drive Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	459 Arroyo Ave Open Sun 2-4:30 C21 Heritage
		12 Sharon Avenue Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	15372 Churchill St. Open Sat & Sun 1-4 Windermere Real Estate
		1079 Ashmount Ave. Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	1361 Broadway OPEN SAT/SUN 2-4 Investment House Realty

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1501 Foxglove Pl Open Sun 2-4pm Coldwell Banker Bartels	3BD/2.5BA 510-691-1222 Sam Cheng	15372 Churchill St. Open Sat & Sun 1-4 Windermere Real Estate
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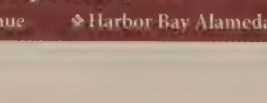
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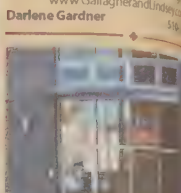


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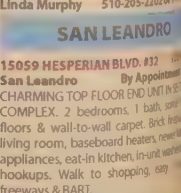
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Section C

## PREP CROSS COUNTRY

### ACCAL NOTEBOOK

#### Alameda sets high standards

By Robert Jordan and Phil Jensen  
STAFF WRITERS

**ARE YOU READY** for some futbol? The Alameda High School boys soccer team is.

After finishing second in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League last year with a 10-3-1 record, the Hornets are ready to show the North Coast Section seedings committee that it made a mistake by leaving them out of the postseason.

Despite a second-place finish in the ACCAL, the NCS selected three teams with a worse overall record than the Hornets, Berkeley, which finished third in the ACCAL, qualified for the NCS playoffs and ended by winning the 3A championship.

"We are just going to play good soccer," Alameda's Harris said about the season. "We have nothing to prove."

However, Alameda did schedule a tough preseason with games against Liberty, Monte Vista, Arroyo, Amador Valley and San Ramon Valley to prep for ACCAL play.

The Hornets open their ACCAL schedule Thursday at home against league champion Richmond.

Alameda returns six starters from a year ago, including ACCAL first-team goalie. Alameda also will count on the improved play of Leslie Powell.

Richmond finished with a 14-1 mark in ACCAL but lost to all-league players. The Oilers do return five starters including midfielder Manuel

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### BSAL NOTEBOOK

#### Piedmont still looks like a power

By Dave Carpenter  
STAFF WRITER

**WEDNESDAY** was any indication, the Bay Shore Athletic League girls soccer standings shouldn't be too

different from last year. League champion Piedmont High School got rolling with a win over St. Joseph Notre Dame. The Highlanders went 4-4 last year, including 16-1 in the BSAL. St. Joseph (5-9-BSAL) placed seventh out of 10 teams in the league stand-

ings. Despite Piedmont having a roster filled with freshmen, St. Joseph coach Rafael Lopez still thinks the Highlanders are the class of the league.

"I think they're a very strong team," he said. "People talk about the seniors that left, but they have a young, talented team."

Even though Piedmont has eight freshmen, it also has four returners (five seniors). The player Highlanders coach Lynn Shipp is high on is freshman forward Miranda

White, who scored two goals and added an assist against St. Joseph.

Three teams made the North Coast Section East Bay 2A playoffs. However, neither Piedmont (49 points), runner-up Berean Christian (45) or top-place Salesian (42) could get a win in the postseason.

Perez hopes an additional team or two can qualify for the playoffs this year.

"I think we're going to be in fourth or fifth place and get a playoff spot," he said. "I'd be happy with that. I think it's very doable."

Albany, St. Patrick and St. Mary's also finished above St. Joseph last year.

In other BSAL openers, Albany crushed Kennedy 11-0 and St. Mary's routed Holy Cross 11-1 after scoring all its goals in the first half.

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GABRIELA RIOS-SOTELO of St. Mary's heads toward a second-place finish in the girls Division IV race at the state meet in Fresno.

## Rios-Sotelo ends career in style

By Bill Kruissink  
STAFF WRITER

**FRESNO** — St. Mary's High School runner Gabriela Rios-Sotelo beat the rain, the wind and the cold to finish second in the Division IV girls race at Saturday's California Interscholastic Federation state cross country meet at Woodward Park.

She also ran past Bishop O'Dowd's Alexi Pappas. One week before, in broad sunshine, that didn't happen.

Thus, Rios-Sotelo ended her high school cross country career on a positive note.

"I'm pretty happy with what I did (and) how I ran the race," said Rios-Sotelo, who missed last year's championships with an injury. She was third in 2002. "I was really worried before the race."

As she had at the North Coast Section championships at Hayward High School on Nov. 20, Bishop O'Dowd's Ariel Wright won the 3.1-mile race going away. She finished in 18 minutes, 4 seconds, beating Rios-Sotelo by 16 seconds and Pappas by 22. Still, the margins were closer than they were at the section meet. There, Wright was 38 seconds ahead of Pappas, 51 in front of Rios-Sotelo.

So not only did Rios-Sotelo end the season on a positive note, it can truly be said she was gaining ground with her 18:20 finish.

Rios-Sotelo trailed Wright and Pappas for two miles. In the final mile, she made one run at Pappas, then another.

"Then I decided to make a move," she said.

A freshman, Pappas held onto second through the first two challenges but gave way on the third. "I think I had too fast a pace," Pappas said.

"I overtook her on the parking lot," Rios-Sotelo said.

The parking lot is about 200 meters from the finish line. Rios-Sotelo was one of just four girls in Division IV to run at a pace of under six minutes per mile.

The Bishop O'Dowd girls team was second in the division with 109 points, 39 points behind winner San Lorenzo Valley.

In Division I, Berkeley's Kadhja Bonet made a strong impression in her first state meet. A junior in just her second year in cross country, Bonet ran 58th with a time of 19:30.

Bonet said the trip was a

learning experience. She found the race unusually competitive, almost cutthroat.

"I'm not used to getting boxed in," she said. "And the (other runners) want to keep you boxed in. It was kind of more emotional. I wasn't expecting (to see) elbows flying."

She was in a tough division, too. The winner, Alma Escobar of Corona, had the fastest time among all girls, finishing in 17:33. Three girls came in under 18 minutes. In all five divisions, just two other runners were under 18:00.

"I'm happy just to be here," Bonet said. "I ran two years ago, but missed last year because of health problems."

Teammate Kara Anderson was 159th (out of 197 runners), completing the race in 21:02.

### ON DECK

#### Prep boys soccer

■ **Clayton Valley at El Cerrito**, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday — The Gauchos host the Eagles, who advanced to the North Coast Section 3A quarter-finals last season.

■ **St. Mary's at Albany**, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday — At the end of last regular season, only two points separated the Bay Shore Athletic League-champion Cougars from the Panthers.

■ **Berkeley at De Anza**, 5 p.m. Thursday — The Yellow Jackets, who have only four returning starters from last year's NCS-championship team, face the Dons, who have seven starters returning, in their Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League opener.

#### Prep girls soccer

■ **Piedmont at St. Mary's**, 3:30 p.m. today — The Panthers host the perennially strong Highlanders.

■ **Pinole Valley at El Cerrito**, 5:30 p.m. Thursday — Last season, only one point separated the second-place Spartans and third-place Gauchos in ACCAL play.

#### Stars of the week

■ **David Ball, El Cerrito boys soccer** — Ball produced a goal and an assist in El Cerrito's 2-1 win over Kennedy.

■ **Gabriela Rios-Sotelo, St. Mary's girls cross country** — Rios-Sotelo finished second in the California Interscholastic Federation Division IV girls state championship race Saturday in Fresno.

■ **Kadhja Bonet, Berkeley girls cross country** — Bonet placed 58th in the CIF Division I girls state championship race. She was the third finisher in the race from the region.

■ **Natalie Bogan, St. Mary's girls volleyball** — Bogan had 10 kills and four blocks in St. Mary's 25-20, 25-12, 25-21 loss to Golden Sierra-Garden Valley in the CIF Division IV regional semifinals.

### BRIEFS

#### Candy Cane Classic registration

City of Richmond and PAL present Candy Cane Classic Youth Basketball Tournament Dec. 27-30. Register at Richmond Recreation Complex, 3230 Macdonald Ave., Richmond. Call Jerry Anderson 510-620-6904.

#### Dragon Baseball Camp

Bishop O'Dowd High School will be hosting their seventh annual Dragon Baseball Camp Jan. 8. Rain or shine. \$69. Registration available online at [www.teamz.com/dragons/](http://www.teamz.com/dragons/). Registration deadline Jan. 6 at noon. 510-777-9100, ext. 227.

#### Adult volleyball exchange to Europe

Sports For Youth Foundation, Inc. is accepting applications for ages 21-and-over, who are accomplished players, for Senior Age Volleyball Exchange Tour to Europe. Tour will be during month of March 2005. [www.volleyballtours.com](http://www.volleyballtours.com) or [info@sportsforyouth.com](mailto:info@sportsforyouth.com).

#### Junior volleyball exchange to Europe

Sports For Youth Foundation, Inc. is accepting applications for boys and girls ages 15-20, who are accomplished high school or club players and good citizens, to take part in 2005 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tours. Tour will travel to London, Paris, Venice and Rome. Registration deadline Dec. 15, 425-255-8102, [info@sportsforyouth.com](http://info@sportsforyouth.com) or [www.volleyballtours.com](http://www.volleyballtours.com).

#### AGSA softball registration

Alameda Girls Softball Assoc. will be holding registration for spring season for ages 5-14 Dec. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Edison School at 2700 Buena Vista Ave. Mail-in registration forms available on Web site. [www.alamedagsa.com](http://www.alamedagsa.com).

#### Oakland Girls Softball registration

Oakland Girls Softball League will be holding registration for 7-under through 14-under divisions for 2005 spring season Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Jan. 8 and Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Redwood Heights Recreation Center. Competitive and recreational play. [www.ogsl.org](http://www.ogsl.org).

#### Piedmont Spring Baseball registration

Registration is open. All forms are due by Dec. 3. Information: Sheltland, 510-547-7112; Pinto, 510-655-1194; Mustang, 510-530-0263; Bronco, 510-601-9847; and Pony, 510-658-7329.

#### Oakland Monarchs looking for players

Oakland Monarchs Basketball Club is looking for boys to form a 2nd grade (8 years and older) team for the 2004-2005 season. Birth date must be on or after Sept. 1, 1996. Call coach Tim West, 510-867-7144 or 510-777-3478.

#### Baseball signups

El Sobrante Boys and Girls Club

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## Brown gets off to hot start to lead El Cerrito

By Phil Jensen  
STAFF WRITER

**ALBANY** — Just 15 seconds into El Cerrito High School's boys basketball game against host Albany, the Gauchos' Milton Brown buried a 3-pointer from the left corner of the court.

A few minutes later, Brown nailed a 3-pointer from the same place. Then he hit a 3-pointer from the same place again later in the first quarter.

"That's his shot, the corner shot. He knocks that down pretty often," El Cerrito coach Antonio Scott said.

### PREP BASKETBALL

Brown scored nine of his 15 points in the first quarter, and the Gauchos broke open a close game in the second half for a 64-43 win in a North Coast Section Foundation game Tuesday. The game does not count toward either team's maximum number of contests and is not included in the season record.

"I felt we played good," said the 6-foot-4 Brown. "We wanted to go out and show everybody we're ready and we're focused."

Brown's third 3-pointer in the first quarter gave El Cerrito a 13-5 lead, and the Gauchos held a 27-14 lead in the second quarter on a 3-pointer by Darnell Quinney. But Albany went on an 8-2 run to end the first half. Four different Cougars scored in the run.

El Cerrito went on a 7-0 run to start the third quarter, however, and scored 17 of the first 23 points in the third quarter.

The Gauchos had 15 steals in the game, led by four each from Kenny Leaks and Quinney.

"I'm a little disappointed in how we handled the intensity, but

it's early," Albany coach Doug Kagawa said. "(El Cerrito) hit some nice shots."

But Scott could see room for improvement for his team.

"We've got a lot of things to work on," he said.

Quinney matched Brown with 15 points. Brown had six rebounds and two steals. Teammate Ryan White had four assists.

Albany's Arash Riahi grabbed a game-high eight rebounds. Jeremy Jennings led a balanced Cougars offensive attack with eight points.

## FISHING REPORT

## PACIFIC OCEAN

Craig Stone of Emeryville Sportfishing said the Dungeness crab and sand dab combo trips continue to produce excellent results, with limits of Dungeness crabs (six per person) and lots of sand dabs. Out of Emeryville on Friday, the New Seeker reported 174 Dungeness crabs and added 1,010 sand dabs for 29 anglers aboard. They were fishing 15-20 miles straight out from the Golden Gate. The combo trips will continue to run through the end of December.

## THE BAYS

**SUISUN:** Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait and Tackle reported good fishing despite windy conditions. Closure for the launch ramp has been extended to Dec. 6. Strippers are being caught on just about any bait. In the absence of bullheads, use fresh or frozen shad. The sturgeon have been hungry as well, with several caught this week on eel and/or shad. The shad, fresh or frozen, seems to be the new hot bait.

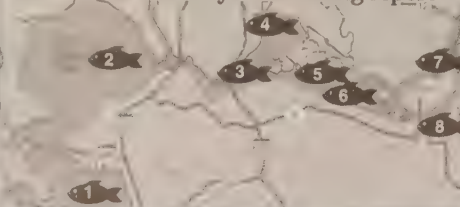
Catching limits of stripers were Daniel Swidrak of Concord (totaling 42 inches) at Buoy 5 on bullheads and grass shrimp, Gina Dumpit of Martinez Bait and Tackle (19 and 20.5 inches) at the first row of the Mottball Fleet on grass shrimp, Jesus Garcia and Anthony Rivera of Stockton (four totaling 40.6 pounds, 126 inches) at the third row of ships on shad, Richard Bandy of Tracy (44 inches) from the Martinez shoreline with a bullhead and Karen Mann of Discovery Bay (18 pounds) at Buoy 4 on bullhead.

Others catching stripers were Jerry La Frenz of San Jose (20 inches, 2.5 pounds) at the last row on anchovies, Les Carmichael of Citrus Heights (35 inches, 18.1 pounds) on shad at the east end of the fleet and Joseph Bonacci of Antioch (26 inches, 4.8 pounds) at the east end on anchovies. Chris Beardsley of Richmond caught and released four at Buoy 4 on bullheads totaling 49 pounds.

Catching sturgeon were Nicholas Venegas of Sacramento (50.2 pounds, 60 inches) at Buoy 6 on an eel/pile worm combo, Nelson Carpenter of San Jose (61 inches, 55.8 pounds) at the last row of ships on anchovies, Pat Saunders of Antioch (64 inches, 60 pounds) at the Ozol on ghost shrimp and Cal Waterson of Cordelia (67 inches, 78 pounds) at Buoy 9 on shad, which was released. Lonnie Jackson of San Francisco caught a 48-inch, 24-pound sturgeon from the Martinez Pier on anchovies and Harold Davis of San Leandro, 81, caught a 71-inch, 79-pound sturgeon at the first row of ships on an eel/shad combo.

James Smith took the California Dawn near the Pittsburg PG&E plant Wednesday and had 15 bass (near limits) as well as four keeper sturgeon. They were using eel strips and live anchovies as bait. A 70-inch sturgeon was caught by Ed

## Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report



0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent				
1. San Francisco Bay — Sturgeon fishing should improve.	2. San Pablo Bay — Striper fishing remains the best bet.	3. Mottball Fleet — Limits of stripers are becoming common.	4. Montezuma Slough — Nice place to escape the wind.	5. Honker Bay — Stripers or sturgeon can be had.	6. Pittsburg PG&E — Whopper sturgeon are moving through.	7. Decker Island — Anglers might have to be patient.	8. Big Break — Bait working better than lures for stripers.	

Guillory of Pittsburg, and a 68-inch was caught by Tony Hartsch of Brentwood. They also caught a 50-inch and a 47-inch and threw back about 12 others.

Jim Smith was fishing on the Happy Hooker on Wednesday near Seal Island and caught seven limits of bass to 11 pounds and one 17-pound halibut, strangely enough. That was caught by J.P. Holmes.

**SAN PABLO:** James Smith had the California Dawn out on Friday and caught six halibut and six bass before switching gears and catching three leopard sharks and two sturgeon. The bass were up to 12 pounds, the halibut 15 pounds and the sturgeon 80 pounds. Despite windy conditions on Saturday, the California Dawn ended up with 15 stripers, three leopard sharks and two halibut fishing by The Sisters and Buoy 5. They also had a number of shaker sturgeon. Also fishing in San Pablo, Jim Smith and the Happy Hooker finished the day with 26 bass and seven halibut.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Diana Nunez of www.fishonlinereservations.com reported that the holiday weekend brought wind and rain for the few anglers aboard the Silver Fox. Captain Chris Duba said the rain and muddy waters on Saturday made for good sturgeon fishing. The Silver Fox fished near Buoy 5 and China Camp, catching a 67-inch sturgeon weighing 65 pounds and a 7-pound bass using a combination of worms and live shrimp bait. On Sunday, windy weather made for a tough day on the bay as the anglers caught many under-sized leopard sharks.

## THE DELTA

David Dutra of Gotcha! Bait and

Tackle in Antioch said Chain Island, Montezuma Slough and the Pittsburg PG&E plant are all places to try for sturgeon using grass shrimp, ghost shrimp and pile worms. Stripers can be found at Chain Island, Sherman Lake, the Antioch Bridge and West Island using shad and muddsuckers. With the water being so cold, the fish are starting to slow and are more likely to be attracted to baits than lures. Sturgeon and stripers also can be had at Honker Bay.

Catching stripers were Jerry Coats (5, 5.25 and 11 pounds on two trips) using shad and anchovies at the Antioch Pier, Brian Bonacci (10.75 pounds) at the Antioch Bridge, Butch Martinez (15.6 pounds) on muddsuckers at Big Break and Doyle McClelland (25 and 19 pounds) on bullheads at Chain Island. Others included Ruth Burton (4.5 pounds) on ghost shrimp at the Antioch Pier, Jim Kehn (32.96 pounds) on bullhead at Chain Island, Don Lark (28.9 pounds) on bullhead at Pittsburg PG&E, Sal Valentia (10.45 pounds) on shad at Pittsburg PG&E, John and Christy Baker (20 pounds worth) on muddsuckers by the Antioch Bridge and J.C. Wells (13.85 pounds) on gobies on the Sacramento River.

Chris Taylor and Joey Skym both caught 55-pound sturgeon on ghost shrimp at Chain Island, Dave Hammond caught an 87-pound sturgeon on grass shrimp at Chain Island and Robert Bland caught a 50-pound sturgeon on grass and ghost shrimp at the Pittsburg PG&E plant.

Audie Urbano of Hap's Bait and Tackle in Rio Vista said a lot of schoolie stripers are being caught,

as are a few keeper sturgeon. The stripers are mainly 5-7 pounds and are mostly coming from Suisun and San Pablo bays. That's why a few of them are munching on ghost shrimp, instead of the usual shad and muddsuckers. The sturgeon are biting on grass and ghost shrimp, but eel and salmon roe also are popular. Try Decker Island, the Power Lines and Cache Slough for sturgeon. Stripers are biting just about everywhere.

## THE LAKES

**LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY:** Trollers in boats are getting two to three trout per rod along the east side of the lake, Honker Bay and the island are two of the better spots. Shore and bait fishermen also are getting two or so fish per rod using white or orange Power Eggs from the same side of the lake. Some of the whopper trout caught last week came from the burner and the first dock. Despite the end of bass season, people are still working hard and getting them at Alder Point, Coats Landing and around the Island.

**LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD:** Anglers are getting limits of trout within 3-4 hours. Those who are trolling are having the most success using green and red flashers from the east cove to the dam. Troll no deeper than 20 feet. Two largemouth bass were caught this weekend, with one on the east side of the marina from shore with a nightcrawler. The other was a 5-pounder caught by John Scott of Danville from a boat with a worm in the most northwestern cove past the rock wall. Striped bass are more active this time of year, mainly in the mornings, and anglers have reported some action at the mouth of Peninsula Cove. For stripers, try large lures like rebels or bombers. Also try Rat-L-Traps, poppers and rubber worms.

With the cooling temperature, catfish action generally slows down. Anglers still can try with a boat in Peninsula Cove or near the dam. Most people on shore are going for rainbow trout, but the catfish are out there for anglers using chicken livers or PowerBait's catfish bait (in blood, fish or liver flavors).

## LAKE DEL VALLE, LIVERMORE

**MORE:** Trout that have been caught this week have ranged from 4-7 pounds, with the hot spots being the dam and the narrows. Anglers used minnow lures, Rooster Tails and rainbow PowerBait.

There are still nice-size smallmouth bass being caught, and anglers should use anything that resembles a small trout. The narrows and the north of the island are the hot spots. Several largemouth bass have been caught along the rock wall just past Swallow Bay toward Heron Bay. Catfish still are being caught, with chicken liver and nightcrawlers still the hot baits. The deep area around the island into the narrows are still the best spots.

— Curtis Pashelka

## Briefs

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## ACCAL

FROM PAGE 1

Ledesma, a first-team All-ACCAL pick.

"League should be very, very close," Richmond coach Rene Siles said. "Whoever goes to NCS will be very well prepared."

Berkeley returns only four starters from last season's NCS championship team. Two of them are junior midfielder Jesse Guerrero and senior midfielder Liam Smith. The Yellow Jackets have started this season with an 0-1-1 record, as they tied James Logan 1-1 and lost to Miramonte 1-0.

"I think it is a better

(league) race this year," Berkeley coach Janu Juarez said "As far as I'm concerned, it's a tougher league, and that's good for the ACCAL."

De Anza has seven returning starters, and coach Marques Dillard is using a 4-5-1 formation to take advantage of attacking midfielders such as Jaime Alejandro and Julio Hernandez. Isidro Tamayo and Jose Sibrán are solid defenders for the Dons.

The Dons are 2-0 this season with wins over Albany and Kennedy.

El Cerrito, which has only three returning starters, started this season with a 3-1 non-league record. Senior center forward David Ball had six

goals and three assists in the Gauchos' first four games, and sweeper Eric Tsu, a second-team all-league pick last season, anchors the Gauchos defense. The team also returns starting midfielder Robert Dufala.

"Our defense is keeping us in the game and giving us scoring opportunities," El Cerrito coach Fred Gonzalez said.

Encinal returns eight starters from a team that finished fourth with an 8-6 record. However, the Jets are without goalie Gamaliel Vazquez, who moved to San Diego.

But junior Eduardo Andrae has filled Vazquez's void, and Encinal still can rely on junior Giovanni Baires.

Hercules is looking to improve on its 3-10-1 mark last season by using six returning starters, including goalie Alex Gomez and midfielders Ventura Mendoza and Oskar Gomez.

The Titans also will rely on three freshmen, Juan Iturbe, David Westil and Martin Vega, who all have earned starting spots.

Pinole Valley has six returning starters, including second-team all-league goalie Ryan Arioli and second-team all-league defender Taylor Bradbury. The Spartans also have center midfielder Paul Thompson and midfielder Josh Chamberlain back.

The Spartans have started this season with a 1-1 non-league record.

ing is by studentsports.com.

Highlanders Ashley and Courtney Paris combined for 49 points.

Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door and \$7 for seniors 65-over. They can be purchased at Piedmont, Oakland Tech or El Cerrito high schools.

El Cerrito was one of three teams that was scheduled to play in the tournament before backing out. Williams was not clear as to why his team opted out but said the others decided not to come because they did not have enough money to travel.

For ticket information call 510-376-0425.

up playing to Shipp's expectations, that should spell trouble for the rest of the league.

**GOT GAME?** Piedmont's girls basketball team, ranked No. 1 in the country, according to studentsports.com, will play in the Have Game, Will Travel Tournament at Contra Costa College Dec. 9 and 11.

It promises to be a highly-competitive tournament. Lincoln-Dallas, Oakland Tech and Lynwood are also in the round-robin tournament.

Lincoln is ranked fourth and Oakland Tech ninth nationally by USA Today. Lynwood is a traditional Southern California power.

Piedmont faces Lincoln at 6:30 p.m. and Oakland Tech takes on Lynwood at 8 p.m. on Dec. 9.

Piedmont plays Oakland Tech at 5 p.m. and Lynwood battles Lincoln at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 11.

"The incredible thing about it is that each one of these coaches said that they want to play the best possible competition," said El Cerrito girls coach Ron Williams, who is the tournament director.

Piedmont justified its No. 1 ranking by blowing out No. 19 Northside-Ft. Smith-Ark. 78-31 in its season-opener last Saturday. Ft. Smith's national rank-

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# Motives remain elusive in the clever 'Closer'

By Mary F. Pols  
STAFF WRITER

Some movies do us favors: They help us understand ourselves, from the way we live and work to the way we love or hate. "Closer," the riveting, challenging new relationship movie from director Mike Nichols, doesn't do us any favors. It's filled with examples of selfish, nasty, ignoble human behavior, most of it involving cheating on a lover, but the motivations behind those behaviors are left unexplained.

The movie itself makes you feel the way you do when you've been cheated on — confused and grasping for answers. In the end, you're left with the same paltry resolution as in real life. He just did. She just did. It just happened.

The film, adapted for the screen by Patrick Marber, who wrote the original play by the same name, has only four characters. We see them only at crucial moments in their mutual relationships, which evolve over the course of a couple of years.

One gloomy London day, Dan (Jude Law), a newspaper obituary writer, spots Alice (Natalie Portman) in the street, seconds before she gets run over by a cab. It's a fantasy moment. Everything is moving in slow motion, Damien Rice's dreamy song "The Blower's Daughter" is blasting on the soundtrack and Alice is the damsel in distress. Briefly knocked unconscious, she wakes up flirting, with a little blood on her comely leg, and attaches herself to a Dan like a puppy. Just to complete the fantasy, she reveals that she makes her living as a stripper.

Flash-forward to a year or so later, when Dan, inspired by Alice, has written a novel about the tawdry life of a sweet young stripper. Needing the obligatory author's headshot, he visits the studio of photographer Anna (Julia Roberts), who is cucumber-cool, sophisticated and supremely self-confident. They banter and Dan, though he's been happily living with Alice, is instantly smitten.

"Closer" delights in keeping us off-kilter. When the fourth character, a dermatologist named Larry (Clive Owen), is finally introduced, we have no idea what the time frame is or if anything has transpired between Dan and Anna. All we know is that in the process of playing a creepy Internet joke on Anna,



COUPLES BEHAVING BADLY: Clive Owen, Natalie Portman, Julia Roberts and Jude Law star in "Closer."

## REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Closer"

■ **STARRING:** Julia Roberts, Clive Owen, Natalie Portman, Clive Owen

■ **RATING:** R (sequences of graphic sexual dialogue, nudity/sexuality and language)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 38 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

■ **GRADE:** B+

Dan unwittingly (and rather unbelievably) introduces her to Larry, who eventually becomes her husband.

Because we don't get any of the customary filler of a relationship movie (no onscreen weddings — indeed, no happy unions at all), we must guess at

what draws these four people together. And your guess is as good as mine. Dan is a dear when we first meet him, then he becomes a needy, shiftless jerk. Larry comes across as both a jerk and a possible pervert. Anna seems too frosty and reserved to spend her time bouncing between the beds of two men. Meanwhile, Alice just seems like a figment of a male imagination — the smart stripper, drug-free, articulate, imminently presentable. We never believe anyone actually loves anyone else, except perhaps for Alice.

Why, then, is the movie called "Closer"? Maybe it's because the characters believe they're getting closer, through brutal honesty and sharing confidences about their lovers. Anna and Alice, independently, exchange intimate details about Dan with Larry, and vice versa.

All of it comes back to haunt them as the men, competing with each other, use these details as a wedge to break up the various relationships.

Even though we're never engaged in these doomed relationships, "Closer" remains highly entertaining. It's very reminiscent of Nichols' 1966 movie version of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" in which half the fun lay in the notion of powerhouses (and real-life lovers) Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor duking it out. "Closer" is, if anything, even more showily cast. Julia Roberts playing an adulteress? That's as much fun as Tom Cruise playing an assassin for hire. And Portman, everyone's favorite Ivy League virgin, in a G-string?

Then there's the witty repartee, sometimes so fast you almost miss it. A few minutes after they've met, Alice offers Dan a

cigarette, which he declines. "I've given up," he says. "Try harder," she responds. By the time you catch up and laugh, screenwriter Marber has moved on to his next zinger. And there's always another clever line coming. The characters have a uniformity of intelligence, speech and wit. They are in tune with each other, never missing a conversational beat. The stripper is just as bright as the arty photographer, the dermatologist just as verbally adroit as the writer. They're unreal, a writer's contrivance, albeit a vastly amusing one.

The funny thing is, even with that said, there's some great acting in "Closer." Portman is the weakest link, but that could be attributed in part to the ridiculous fantasy she's attempting to play. Nichols gets a forceful, memorable performance from Clive Owen (last seen in the dis-

mal "King Arthur"), because he is more than his co-stars, coming to inhabiting his character.

Roberts is perfect first time in her role as actual woman instead of It's a surprisingly thoughtful performance. Roberts tells us we need to know about her's portraying just by her smile. But Anna's elusive and slippery. Roberts actually leaves dering — in a good way — was going on. What lovely turn. week she became America's sweetheart. have become not star, but a serious

Reach movie critic Mary F. Pols at mpols@cctimes.com or 945-4741.

# Events

## STAGE

**ALTARENA PLAYHOUSE** — "The Return of Cinderella: A Traditional British Holiday Panto," Dec. 3 through Dec. 12. An adaptation of the classic tale of Cinderella, featuring music, jokes and cross-dressing with a satirical, distinctly British flavor.

\$12 general; \$10 seniors and students; \$5 children under age 12. Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. 1409 High St., Alameda. 510-523-1553 or [www.altarena.org/](http://www.altarena.org/)

**THE ASHBY STAGE** — "Travesties" by Tom Stoppard, Dec. 4 through Jan. 16. An exploration of art and revolution that finds James Joyce, Tristan Tzara and Vladimir Lenin all present in 1918 Zurich at the same time. Presented by Shotgun Players.

Donation. Thursday through Sunday, 8 p.m.; NO PERFORMANCES DEC. 23 THROUGH DEC. 26. 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-6500 or [www.shotgunplayers.org](http://www.shotgunplayers.org)

**AURORA THEATRE COMPANY** — "Emma," through Dec. 19. A theatrical adaptation of Jane Austen's classic story of a young woman who comically meddles in the lives of her friends and neighbors, ruining their chances at romance rather than helping them.

\$36 to \$45. Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822 or [www.auroratheatre.org](http://www.auroratheatre.org)

**BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE** — "RODA THEATRE" — "Polk County" by Zora Neale Hurston and Dorothy Waring, through Jan. 9. The West Coast premiere of Hurston's story of survival in a sawmill camp in the Depression-era South where an African-American community finds redemption in their music.

\$15 to \$60. Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Dec. 9, Dec. 18, Dec. 20, Jan. 1, Jan. 8, 8 p.m.; Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 18, Dec. 23, Dec. 30 and Jan. 8, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; NO PERFORMANCES DEC. 24 AND DEC. 25. 2015 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, (888) 4BRTIX or [www.berkeleyrep.org](http://www.berkeleyrep.org)

**CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE THEATRE** — "As You Like It" by William Shakespeare, Dec. 10 through Dec.

12. A comedy about the escapades of a banished duke and his court. Presented by the California Shakespeare Theater Student Company

\$5 general; \$3 students and seniors. Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. Cal Shakes Rehearsal Hall, 701 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. 510-548-9666 or [www.calshakes.org](http://www.calshakes.org)

**E.G.Y.P.T. THEATRE** — "Chosen," Dec. 3 and Dec. 4, 9 p.m. Storytelling and song by performance artist Leo L. Rodriguez, accompanied by members of the band Rolling Machine. Proceeds benefit the George Mark Children's House for children with terminal cancer.

\$10. 5306 Foothill Blvd., Oakland. 510-436-4877 or [www.egypttheatre.com](http://www.egypttheatre.com)

**LA VAL'S SUBTERRANEAN THEATRE** — "CLOSING" — "Meanwhile, Back at the Super Lair," closing Dec. 11. A comedy about the balance between good and evil in which four incompetent superheroes finally get their chance to shine. Presented by Impact Theatre.

\$15 general; \$10 students and seniors; Thursdays pay what you can. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 510-464-4468 or [www.impacttheatre.com](http://www.impacttheatre.com)

**LIVE OAK THEATRE** — "Fathers and Daughters," Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. An evening of theatre exploring the father-daughter relationship. Presented by the Living Arts Playback Theatre Ensemble. 510-855-5186, 510-891-8142 or [www.livingartscenter.org](http://www.livingartscenter.org)

\$12 to \$18. Live Oak Community Center, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-883-0536.

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** — "The Play of Daniel," Dec. 6 through Dec. 11. A 12th-century liturgical performance that sets the biblical story of Daniel in the lion's den to movement and music. Presented by the Aurora Theatre Company and The Pacific Mozart Ensemble.

\$25. Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 510-843-4822 or [www.auroratheatre.org](http://www.auroratheatre.org)

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\$5 unless otherwise noted. Shows start at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9826 or [www.924gilman.org](http://www.924gilman.org)

**ALBATROSS PUB** — Whiskey Brothers - Ongoing. First, third and fifth Wednesdays of every month. Free. Pickpocket Ensemble, Dec. 11. \$3. Shows begin Wednesday, 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2473 or [www.albatrosspub.com](http://www.albatrosspub.com)

**ASHKENAZ** — "Taptroots and New Growth: Cultivating World Music — New Chicano Music," Dec. 3, 8 p.m. A lecture and demonstration at 8 p.m., followed by a concert by Quetzal at 9:30 p.m. \$15 for concert and lecture/demonstration; \$5 for lecture/demonstration only.

"The 5th Annual Musical Night in Africa," Dec. 4, 8 p.m. Performances by Kotoja, West African Highlife Band and The Nigerian Brothers. \$13 to \$15 general; \$11 to \$13 students.

"Afternoon Kids Show with Juan Sanchez," Dec. 5, 3 p.m. \$6 general; \$4 children; free children under age 1. "Evening Flamenco Open Stage with Alicia and Roberto Zamora," Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. \$9.

1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5054 or [www.ashkenaz.com](http://www.ashkenaz.com)

**BECKETT'S IRISH PUB** — Julia Lau, Dec. 9. J.P. Orbit, Dec. 10.

Free. Shows at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave.,

Berkeley. 510-647-1790 or [www.beckettshpub.com](http://www.beckettshpub.com)

**BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH** — "Monday Night All Star Jam" with The Steve Gannon Band and Mz. Dee, Mondays \$4.

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Mushroom and the Weepies, Dec. 3, 9 p.m. \$8.

Audrey Sessions, Dec. 4, \$7.

Gun and Doll Show, Dec. 8, 8:30 p.m. \$4.

Pitch Black, Dec. 10, \$7.

Accidental Beauties, Pebble Theory, Dec. 11, \$7.

For ages 18 and older. Music begins at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 510-848-0868 or [www.blakesontelegraph.com](http://www.blakesontelegraph.com)

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Bing Nathan/David Kahn Duo, Dec. 10.

Dave Bernstein Quartet, Dec. 11.

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First Congregational Church 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

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John Gorka - Dec. 5. Folk music. \$19.50 to \$20.50.

Alisa Fineman with Alex de Grassi, Dec. 7, \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Cris Williamson, Teresa Trull and Barbara Higbie, Dec. 8. \$20.50 to \$21.50.

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Lucy Kaplansky with Neil Young - Dec. 10 and Dec. 11. \$19.50.

Patrick Landeza and Herb Olen - Dec. 12. \$16.50 to \$17.50.

Music starts at 8 p.m. unless noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761 or [www.betsyrosemusic.org](http://www.betsyrosemusic.org)

**JAZZSCHOOL** — Live music at the Cultural Heritage Center. "The Art of the Trio" with Dec. 5.

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Carlos Oliveira, Dec. 11.

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7 p.m. 500 12th St., Oakland. 510-238-6836 or www.museumca.org/global/ps/index.html

**OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY — AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY — EXHIBITS** — "Embracing Forms/Sculptures and Works on Paper," through Jan. 29. An exhibit of works by sculptor John Outerbridge and painter and sculptor Oliver Jackson, two contemporary African-American artists working in California. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 659 14th St. 510-637-0200. Free. Oakland. www.oaklandlibrary.org

**PIZZICCHILLO AND GORDON GLASS STUDIO** — CLOSING — Holiday Exhibit and Sale, closing Dec. 4. An exhibit and sale of glass artwork including vases, bowls, pitchers, tumblers, jewelry and sculpture. Free. Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2680 Union St., Oakland. 510-832-8380

**ROYAL GROUND GALLERY** — "10th Anniversary Celebration 2," through Jan. 2. An exhibit of paintings, photography, collage, graphic arts and baskets by several artists. Free. Daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. 510-339-0348

**"VISIONS OF THE HOLIDAYS ART EXHIBIT"** — through Dec. 31. The third annual exhibit features artwork of all kinds displayed in storefronts and businesses throughout downtown Berkeley. The featured artists are Berkeley students, from kindergarten to college, as well as other community artists. Check Web site for an exhibit map. Free. Downtown Berkeley. 510-549-2230 or www.downtownberkeley.org

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**LAWRENCE HALL OF SCIENCE** — \$8.50 general; \$6.50 seniors, students, disabled, and youths ages 5 to 18; \$4.50 children ages 3 to 4; free children ages 2 and under. Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Centennial Drive, University of California, Berkeley. 510-642-5132 or www.lhs.berkeley.edu

**CODY'S BOOKSTORES — TELEGRAPH AVENUE — POETRY AT CODY'S** — 7:30 p.m. at Telegraph Avenue. Readings at 7:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise. 2454 Telegraph Ave. 510-845-7852.

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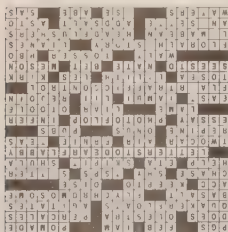
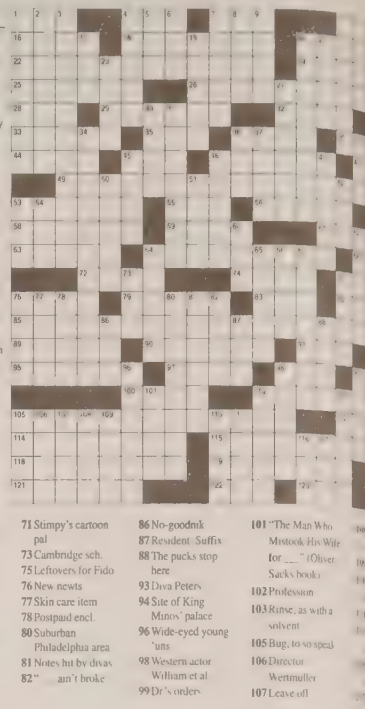
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Dec. 4, 5 p.m. The author discusses "Poet of the Appetites." Kermit Lynch, Dec. 4, 6 p.m. The author talks about "Inspiring Thrust: Vintage Selections for the Kermit Lynch Wine Brochure."

Wendy Burton, Dec. 5, 2 p.m. The author discusses "Joy Is A Plum Colored Acrobat: 45 Life-Affirming Visualizations for Breast Cancer Treatment and Recovery."

Rachael Ray, Dec. 9, 12:30 p.m. The Food Network cook signs copies of her books.

Readings at 7 p.m. unless noted otherwise. 1730 Fourth St. 510-559-9550. OTHER LOCATIONS — Mananne Williamson, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. The author discusses "The Gift of Change: Spiritual Guidance for a Radically New Life." At the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way. Free.

Free. Berkeley. www.codysbooks.com

**UC BERKELEY PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE** — "Cine Mexico," through Dec. 12. A Mexican cinema marathon featuring historical and contemporary films.

"Alternative Visions," through Dec. 7. A series of avant-garde films. Artists in person on Nov. 16 and Nov. 30; special guest on Nov. 18.

"Video Art," through Dec. 8. A showing of works by elean and Ben Coonley. There will be a live competition with special guests on Dec. 8.

Single feature: \$8 adults; \$5 seniors, disabled persons and youth ages 17 and under; \$2 additional features. Call or check Web site for times. PFA Theater 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 510-642-5249 or www.bampfa.berkeley.edu

**BERKELEY POTTERS GUILD HOLIDAY SALE** — through Dec. 24. A

building-wide sale where guild members display their ceramic works in festive exhibits. There will be a gallery exhibit on display, titled "Everything-but-the Kitchen Sink."

Free. Dec. 4, Dec. 5, Dec. 11, Dec. 12 and Dec. 18 through Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 731 Jones St., Berkeley. 510-524-7031 or www.berkeleypottery.com

**OAKLAND MARRIOTT CONVENTION CENTER** — "The 19th Annual Kwanzaa and Christmas Gift Show," Dec. 3 through Dec. 5. The African American Business Exchange presents live performances by Tony Toni Tone and Keysha Cole, shopping, fashion shows, a poetry reading and great food.

\$5 general; free children 12 years and under. Friday, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 10th and Broadway streets, Oakland. 510-534-1594 or www.kwanzaagiftshow.com

**AMERICAN INDIAN CHILD RESOURCE CENTER'S 6TH ANNUAL POW-WOW AND CRAFT FAIR** — Dec. 3 and Dec. 4. The event features Native American singing, contest dancing, crafts, foods, storytelling and music.

Free. Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. R Building cafeteria, Merritt College, 12500 Campus Drive, Oakland. 510-208-1870, ext. 305, or www.aicrc.org

**CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF THE ARTS HOLIDAY ART FAIR** — Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shop for unique handmade gifts created by the students, alumni, faculty and staff of the college.

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Free. 1341 Seventh St., Berkeley. 510-524-1668 or www.sdpbooks.org

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Section D

## Ford's new Escape Hybrid, the SUV of the future has arrived

BY TOM KEANE  
MOTOR MATTERS

2004 Ford Escape Hybrid in the right direction, but the compact sport SUV is a long way from being a compact sport SUV. The outstanding feature of the Escape Hybrid is the fact that it's the world's cleanest and most efficient SUV. And because of this SUV is easy to handle, it has four-wheel drive and a fuel capacity of up to 1,000

gallons. The Escape seats five people and has a 100/40 split-folding rear seat, which adds a lot of versatility. Behind the front seat there is 27 feet of legroom. The overflow of up to 100 pounds can be carried on the roof.

For the driver who might be concerned, there are gauges to show the economy mode, such as when the engine is operating on electric or battery power. Under the hood is a 2.3-liter four-cylinder engine that produces 133 horsepower at 6,000 rpm and 129

foot pounds of torque at 4,500 rpm. But to economize on fuel, the 28-kWatt electric motor has to kick in. A downside is the fact that it cost about \$3,000 more than the non-hybrid Escape. The total, including shipping and handling is \$30,825. Even though \$3,000 will buy a lot of gasoline, it won't do anything for keeping the air clean, and that's what this hybrid is all about—clean air.

The Escape Hybrid has 16-inch aluminum wheels to provide eye-appeal to this SUV. In the front bumper are fog lamps that also add to the eye appeal, and the doors have a couple of ribs that seem to give added strength. The seats are covered with a fine quality, durable cloth on the standard package, but it was the host of options that made this an enjoyable vehicle. It has six-way power driver's seat, map pockets on both driver and passenger side, a message center, plus air conditioning and an illuminated entry.

The Escape also has a lot of

### KEANE ON WHEELS

nice safety features, such as four-wheel anti-lock brakes, dual front airbags, side-impact door beams, LATCH system for children, plus the handy remote entry system.

Although the base price is \$26,380, what drove the price up to the \$30,825 was a host of options that I found both useful and enjoyable. They included the six-way power seats, floor mats, speed

the 0-to-60 mph performance is the equivalent of a vehicle with a 200-horsepower V6 engine.

control, air conditioning, navigational system, 110-volt power outlet, leather seats and a retractable cargo cover.



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The Ford people have told me that, in spite of the small four-cylinder engine, when it comes to performance, the 0-to-60 mph performance is the equivalent of a vehicle with a 200-horsepower V6 engine. That's one area that I really enjoyed. In spite of the fact that it is powered by a small four-cylinder

engine, there was nothing sluggish about the Escape when it came to acceleration.

And here's something interesting: The city fuel economy is rated 36 mpg while highway gets only 31 mpg. With a 15-gallon fuel tank, it would be possible to drive well over 500 miles without having to stop for

gasoline. There is a MACH Audio six-disc in-dash CD changer that I'm told has great sound, but my tester did not have it. The best feature of the Escape Hybrid is Ford has taken a giant step into the future by building a clean-burning hybrid engine that will help us preserve our atmosphere.

## Time to say bye to the Pontiac Bonneville?

BY JIM MATEJA  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO—What was to have been the last piece of the puzzle to complete the puzzle. Pontiac plans to revamp its production line by 2006. But where the Bonneville sedan fits is a question. "We'll build Bonneville in the '05 model year but that we aren't sure what to do," Pontiac-GMC general manager Jim Bunnell said in an interview.

Swinging to sport-utility vehicles and crossovers has been the ranks of domestic full-line offerings to Bonneville, LaSalle, Ford Crown Victoria and Mercury Grand

Marquis. But more telling is that Bonneville sales have steadily slipped from a high of 96,000 units in the 1995 model year to 27,000 in the first 10 months of 2004.

"We keep asking what direction to take beyond '05 and if we should have a full-size sedan or a crossover like the Nissan Murano instead," Bunnell said. "There might not be room for a full-size car. There's a lot of other things we could do with the money. Crossovers may be what we need to watch and where we need to react, perhaps a Pontiac or a GMC crossover or both," he said.

One possibility is to produce the next-generation Grand Prix sedan and a successor to Bonneville off the same platform and make the

Bonneville successor a crossover. That's what Cadillac does in producing its compact CTS and mid-size STS sedans and SRX sport-utility off the same rear-wheel-drive platform.

If Pontiac goes that route, it's also possible the next-generation Prix and Bonneville successor would switch from front-wheel-drive to rear/all-wheel-drive. Bunnell said the latter is under strong consideration for the Prix—and AWD would set the stage for a crossover successor for Bonneville. Here's one vote for the option that gives the Snow Belt another AWD car and crossover. (Write to Jim Mateja, Chicago Tribune, 616 Atrium Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061-1523.)

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# Real Corvettes should have straight axles and a trunk

BY VERN PARKER  
MOTOR MATTERS

Bill Kellenberger was a senior in high school in Independence, Kan., in 1958, the year Chevrolet sold 9,169 Corvettes. The teenager was driving a 1950 Plymouth at the time, but a young man can look, and dream. He knew that the 1958 Corvettes were the first time to have four headlights, and that small grille openings appeared to flank the center grille with its nine chrome-plated teeth. He also knew that, at a base price of \$3,631, there was no way a high school senior could afford to own one.

While attending Kansas University, he met a fellow student who had a 1958 Corvette which had seen better days. But after a few rides, Kellenberger was firmly hooked on the fiberglass car. Dreams, however, often get pushed aside as life gets in the way.

Kellenberger retired in March 2000 as a United Airlines pilot and 21 months later he was the happy owner of a red 1958 Corvette. The car had undergone a total restoration in the mid-1980s and had been trailered to car shows ever since. The man who restored it had given the car to his daughter who had no garage space or interest in the Corvette. When he first saw the

Corvette, "I liked what I saw," Kellenberger recalls.

From disuse, the brakes were useless, so he had the 14-foot, 9-inch-long Corvette hauled to his Manassas, Va., home. "All I was going to do was a brake job," Kellenberger says with a straight face.

"My intention was to go through the brakes and then drive it and enjoy it as-is," he claims. That's his story and he's sticking with it. With the 2,793-pound car up on jack stands, he sent the brake cylinders off to be rebuilt. "While I was waiting I thought I might as well detail the engine compartment," he says. That proved to be a difficult task with the engine in place. After pulling the engine, he easily cleaned and detailed the engine bay. And as long as the engine was out of the car, he thought he might as well remove the valve covers to inspect the innards. "I found two of the 16 valves about to wipe out," Kellenberger says. That's when he discovered that the original 283-cubic-inch V8 had been replaced with a more powerful 350-cubic-inch V8 from 1969, so he rebuilt the engine.

At that point he noticed that the cockpit carpet was showing wear so he replaced it. But that made the seats look shabby so they had to

## CLASSIC CLASSICS

be replaced. The door panels, in turn, were replaced, as were the kick panels. Of course, the new interior outshone the inside of the trunk, which also got new carpeting. A hallmark of the 1958

"That exhaust talks to me," he says. "It's music to my ears."

Corvettes, Kellenberger says, is a pair of chrome spears running from either side of the rear license plate up the length of the trunk lid. In the Corvette's previous restoration, those chrome spears had been left off and the holes in the fiberglass filled in. Kellenberger located replacement spears and mounted them on the trunk lid. They looked great, but with the additional weight, the trunk lid wouldn't stay open. He solved that dilemma with a second set of springs. Most of the parts he



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needed came from a Michigan supplier.

Next came the underside of the car, which Kellenberger cleaned and painted. And as long as he was down there, he installed a stainless-steel exhaust system so he wouldn't be troubled again with that task. "That exhaust talks to me," he says. "It's music to my ears."

After installing a Hurst shifter, Kellenberger reports, "It's a totally

different car. It's a sweetheart." He's quite confident of his Corvette whenever he settles behind the three-spoke steering wheel and looks out over the 160-mph speedometer and long engine hood. It will take him wherever he wants to go in comfort and style on its 102-inch wheelbase. "It rides as good as any car," Kellenberger says after replacing the original bias-ply tires with radials.

Kellenberger has a few modern Corvettes, but he reminds everyone that his opinion, "Real Corvettes have straight axles and a trunk."

For your car to be the subject of the Classic Corvette, send a photo (front and rear) and brief details and photos to Vern Parker, 2221 18th St., Vienna, VA 22181. Good quality will be the

# Engine hesitation is not always a simple ignition problem

BY JUNIOR DAMATO

## AUTO DOCTOR

MOTOR MATTERS

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1995 Jeep Grand Cherokee 4.0-liter 6-cylinder with 120,000 miles. The problem is occasional hesitation for about 10 seconds. It can happen at any speed. My mechanic took it for a 20 minute test drive with no problem. Recently the transmission was overhauled, yet the problem still exists. I also had a major engine tune-up. Any suggestions? **Thomas**

**Dear Thomas:** An occasional hesitation, or loss of power as you describe, usually is fuel-related, not ignition. This does not mean that you should go out and replace the fuel pump. The throttle position sensor is a common intermittent failure item on your Jeep, as well as on

other vehicles. At 120,000 miles there could also be carbon buildup as well as dirty fuel injectors. Fuel injectors can be tested with a balance test. Have your mechanic use a lab scope on the throttle position sensor, and fuel pressure tester. Have him also test fuel volume. He may also have to keep the Jeep for a few days so he can experience the hesitation.

**Dear Doctor:** Last winter, we purchased a new 2003 Mercury Grand Marquis. Within a week of driving, my wife and I realized that we both found the design of the headrests very uncomfortable. Is there any law stating that we cannot remove them? I noticed a few of these cars in parking lots with the headrests removed. The dealer suggested I have the support rods modified to our liking. What do you advise? **Rudy**

**Dear Rudy:** I would not remove the headrests. These are a great safety item to protect your head and neck. I have made modifications to

headrests, as well as to seats and cushions on many cars. The dealer is correct: have the headrest support bars modified.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 2002 Dodge Caravan. Every time I start the engine I hear a cricket sound. When I put it in gear it gets worse. I have replaced the fan belt and A/C compressor. Any suggestions would be appreciated. **Karen**

**Dear Karen:** Go to a different dealer or shop. Let them hear the sound. The next step is to remove the fan belt and start the engine. If the noise is gone, the technician will look at the items the fan belt drives. If a stethoscope will be used to locate the noise. It is normal to hear a clicking sound when moving the transmission in and out of gear.

**Dear Doctor:** Would you clarify the issue of switching back and forth between regular and synthetic oil? I use regular petroleum oil except during the cold winter. I always change the oil and filter at

3,000-mile intervals. **Dean**

**Dear Dean:** What you're doing is fine. During the cold winter months, regular petroleum will thicken up. You can always use a synthetic blend oil.

**Dear Doctor:** I have two questions; both are oil related. First, I recently purchased a 2004 Subaru Forester. I had the oil changed last week. When I got home, I checked the oil and found it was a good deal above the full mark. Will this cause any problems? Second, I also purchased a 2004 Audi Turbo. As you know Audi comes with free maintenance as do many imports. Their free maintenance is the first oil change at 5,000 miles and 10,000 miles thereafter. What is your advice? **Lou**

**Dear Lou:** On the Subaru, go back to the shop and have them remove the excess oil. As for the Audi, I would perform the first oil change between 3,000 and 3,500 miles, and thereafter every 5,000 miles. You can take it to any shop

for that and back to the dealer for the free oil change at 10,000 mile intervals.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1995 Lincoln Town Car with only 59,000 miles. The transmission works fine and the fluid is still red. My mechanic suggested I change the transmission fluid. What is your suggestion? **Reed**

**Dear Reed:** Even though the transmission fluid is red in color, that doesn't mean it is still good. Transmission fluid can have a high PH level and still look fine. Fresh clean transmission fluid will provide better protection, and less slippage and heat buildup. I would suggest the use of multi-purpose semi-synthetic transmission fluid. I also like using a transmission flush machine, versus just removing the transmission pan and filter on transmissions that have red color fluid. If the fluid is brown, the filter should also be replaced, along with a fluid flush.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1999

four-cylinder Toyota Camry with 53,000 miles. I want to know if the meticulous care of the engine can cause so much carbon buildup in a fuel injector. Would it require replacement of the injectors? Could a cleaner clean the carbon? Would carbon cause the "check engine" light to come on?

**Dear Harold:** Carbon in the combustion chamber and intake runner is caused by carbon collectors on the piston rings and carbon and dirt that collect on the "check engine" light. Carbon in the combustion chamber and intake runner can be cleaned. As for cleaning the fuel injectors, I have personally not had cleaning injectors. We use injectors in multiple ways with 50,000-plus miles. Injector cleaners add to a tank and even with cleaning, results are not as expected.

# Consumer Reports on four wheel drive versus snow tires

## DOWN THE ROAD

BY CHERYL JENSEN  
MOTOR MATTERS

Wondering whether you should buy snow tires this winter? This is what Jennifer Stockburger, an engineer with Consumer Reports, has to say.

"If you have a job where you can call in and say 'I'm not coming in. It's snowing today,' then all-season tires are great," Stockburger said. "If you don't, you might want to consider winter tires for sure, and possibly even all-wheel drive."

This winter, my husband and I are buying snow tires for the first time in many years. Now that we are driving frequently between Ohio and New Hampshire in our front-wheel drive Ford Focus ZX3, and after some "slick" experiences last winter, we decided snow tires

would be a good idea. We even put snow tires on my mother-in-law's all-wheel drive Subaru up in New Hampshire's White Mountains — the better to tackle a steep, sometimes unplowed driveway.

If you are trying to get a grip on the slippery issue of front-wheel drive vs. all-wheel drive and all-season vs. snow tires, first consider Stockburger's original statement.

Then, consider a 2002 study in which she participated to determine whether a front-wheel drive vehicle with winter tires would work as well as a vehicle with all-wheel drive and all-season radial tires. Here is what Consumer Reports found.

If you have to be out on roads that are snow-covered, buy a vehicle with all-wheel drive. For added peace of mind and maximum traction, equip it with winter tires. In less snowy areas, front-wheel drive equipped with a set of winter tires should be fine.

The Consumer Reports testing found that for the traction you need to get up and go and keep going

in snow, all-wheel drive with all-season tires will do better than front-wheel drive with winter tires. All-wheel drive cars with all-season tires reached 20 mph 21 feet sooner on average than the front-drive cars equipped with winter tires.

Front-wheel drive cars with winter tires will do the job better than front-drive cars with all-season radials. Winter tires helped the front-drive cars reach 20 mph nearly 28 feet sooner than all-season tires.

"Ultimately, traction comes from the tire, but an all-wheel drive system does help you accelerate in slippery conditions," Stockburger said. "But winter tires are the great traction gain for the money because the other nine months of the year all-wheel-drive adds weight and lowers fuel economy. A winter tire wouldn't," Stockburger said.

All-wheel drive and other technologies, such as traction control and anti-lock brakes, while helpful in various ways in winter driving, have their limitations. "They are better than not

If you have to be out on roads that are snow-covered, buy a vehicle with all-wheel drive. For added peace of mind and maximum traction, equip it with winter tires.

having them, but many times they give consumers a false sense of security," said Matt Edmonds, director of marketing for the Tire Rack, a tire retailer in South Bend, Ind. "They are only as good as the traction — the tires — you give them to work with."

Snow tires have additional siping, or cuts, in the tread to give more biting edges that can try to grab hold of the ice and snow, Edmonds said. Also, winter tires

have compounds in them that keep rubber more pliable for better grip as it gets colder.

Although all-wheel drive systems help vehicles to accelerate better in slippery conditions, it won't help to stop the vehicle better. The Consumer Reports test showed that braking distances on ice were about the same for the all-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles. There has always been some debate about whether a vehicle with ABS stops better.

Tire Rack statements say that a car with ABS and all-season tires will take longer to stop on a slippery surface than a vehicle equipped with four winter tires. The Consumer Reports test didn't show that, but it may have been due to the type of winter tire, Stockburger said. Other tests show improved ice braking with winter tires. Their testing found, however, that ABS was an advantage. Both Volvos used in the test had ABS. One had winter tires and one had all-season radials. Both stopped an average

of 14 feet sooner when it was on than when it was on snow.

The agreed-upon test was ABS is that it helps ease out from locking up and allows drivers to steer around objects in front of them.

Here are some other tips. If you are buying a car, you'll cause serious problems because you need a different amount of grip of the car.

If you are using radials year-round, you'll have the less grip they will have on snow.

If you have a sporty car, it is equipped with tires, called "performance" tires. Their design, they have poor traction in the snow. Have these tires on your car need to have all-season tires in winter or a winter tire said.

# BMW plays it safe with next-generation Three Series models

## THE FREEWHEELING

BY MICHELLE KREBS  
MOTOR MATTERS

In some ways, German automaker BMW can't win.

Despite steadily climbing sales and a continually enhanced image as the producer of the ultimate driving machines, BMW had been harshly criticized in some corners for being seemingly incapable of breaking out of its traditional design scheme, as handsome as it was. Critics charged BMW's models were nothing more than small (3 Series), medium (5 Series) and large (7 Series) versions of the same basic styling.

It was against that backdrop that Milwaukee-born Chris Bangle became BMW's top designer. His mission was to make the models of varying sizes and prices resemble each other as family, but not be identical twins, or triplets.

His first stab at the effort was the top-of-the-line 7 Series introduced four years ago. And if BMW thought the early criticism was harsh — well, they hadn't seen anything like the arrows that would be slung at the

styling of its new flagship sedan.

Critics hated the 7 Series' new look, especially its hind end. Even more despised was the 7 Series' complicated iDrive system. Since the 7 Series introduction, a "Stop Chris Bangle" Web site was established by critics. It asks visitors to petition BMW to fire him. Bangle will not be fired. In fact, he clearly has BMW's blessing as he has been promoted to be in charge of design of two other classics, Mini and Rolls-Royce, now owned by BMW.

Nevertheless, word from Bavaria is that some inside BMW regret the 7 Series' radical styling. While sales of the new 7 Series have been strong, profits have softened, as it hasn't sold at full sticker in some markets. Further, some insiders worry the damage to public perception may be long-lasting.

A revised 7 Series is reportedly a toned down design, especially on the back side. And word is the iDrive will be simplified for a second time.

At the same time, BMW played it safe with its upcoming 3 Series, its high-volume model that is considered the gold standard of entry-luxury cars. The first version of the 3 Series will be unveiled alongside the facelifted 7 Series at the Geneva Motor Show in March

A new brake-drying feature improves braking in wet weather; it uses the rain sensor and/or wipers to detect wet brakes and gently rubs the brake pads on the rotors to help keep the pad surface dry.

and goes on sale shortly after.

BMW says the fifth-generation 3 Series design maintains the classic BMW shape. Its rear, instead of resembling the love-or-hate 7 Series, mimics the 5 Series, which has been far less criticized.

The new 3 Series is longer and wider than the one it replaces, providing more interior space. It will feature a push-button starter that only requires the transmitter (which replaces the key) be somewhere in the car.



THE REDESIGNED 2006 BMW 3 SERIES will be longer, wider and have more interior space.

The 3 Series will be offered with a choice of two inline, six-cylinder engines. A new 258-horsepower 3.0-liter powers the 330i. The 325i comes with a 210-horsepower six-cylinder. All models will be offered with a choice of a standard six-speed manual transmission or optional six-speed Steptronic automatic transmission that can be manually shifted without a clutch.

Incorporated into the new 3 Series is BMW's latest version of

Dynamic Stability Control.

A new brake-drying feature improves braking in wet weather; it uses the rain sensor and/or wipers to detect wet brakes and gently rubs the brake pads on the rotors to help keep the pad surface dry. A new Brake Standby feature reduces braking response time by preparing the brakes for application when the driver abruptly lifts off the accelerator pedal. The new Starting Assistant feature is

designed to prevent the car from starting off on a slippery surface. Having to use the parking brake BMW says will be the entry-luxury class. The 3 Series will have a bigger sibling, the 5 Series, which turn when the car is in a turn, are optional. The illumination around the car bends. Run-flat tires are

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# Automakers try to balance technology with safe driving

BY JEREMY PETERS

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

DETROIT — Darrow Zeidenstein talks to his 2005 Acura RL, and it listens, answering him in a soft voice that guides him to a gas station or the nearest ATM. "You can say, find bank, find ATM, find gas station," Zeidenstein said. And the car readily complies.

Zeidenstein, an associate vice president at Rice University, can also tell his Acura RL to make phone calls for him, and the car will direct his cell phone to dial. He can have a conversation without ever having to lift a finger.

These hi-tech gizmos in the Acura RL reflect a growing trend in the automobile industry to design cars so that drivers do not have to take their hands off their steering wheel. Automakers, their suppliers and cell phone manufacturers are pitching hands-free technology as a safe way to rein in the expanding clutter of gadgetry that can leave drivers grabbing for everything but the steering wheel.

But how safe are these devices, really? According to early evidence, probably not as much as you think.

Some states endorse the trend. Florida, New Jersey, New York and Washington, D.C., have passed laws banning hand-held cell phones, requiring drivers to use headsets, speaker phones or phones built into their car. But federal regulators, consumer advocates and some independent safety researchers are concerned that hands-free technology may give a false sense of security.

A recent study by the National

Highway Transportation Safety Administration suggests that drivers who use hands-free cell phone adaptors are actually no safer behind the wheel than drivers who hold the phone with one hand and steer with the other.

"Our focus is on trying to understand what the combined effect may be on overall driving performance," said Joseph Kianianthra, the associate administrator for vehicle safety research at the highway safety administration. "If these technologies keep coming into the vehicles, how well are drivers able to cope?"

Driver distractions, which include everything from eating to talking on cell phones to changing radio stations, play a role in 25 percent to 30 percent of automobile crashes, according to the highway safety administration. With 163 million cell phone subscribers nationwide, and many of them taking their cell phone conversations into the car, safety experts are concerned that the number of distraction-related accidents could rise.

The administration's recent study pointed out that when drivers used hands-free devices, they took longer to dial the phone and made more errors than when they were making calls with their hands. Drivers using a cell phone headset had to readial their calls 40 percent of the time because of mistakes, compared with an error rate of 18 percent for drivers who held the phone.

The study concluded that in most cases, drivers "overestimated the ease of use afforded by hands-free phone interfaces."

Drivers can be easily distracted, even when they have both hands on the wheel. "In many cases, it's the amount of brain power you're using," said David Champion, the senior director of auto tests for Consumer Reports. "Even if you're using a hands-free phone, you're using quite a bit of brain power to actually have a discussion."

Apart from regulating the use of cell phones in cars, state laws are silent on other distracting technology inside a car. The states and the federal government have left it up to the automakers to design features like navigation systems and DVD players so they are safe for drivers to operate.

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, which includes most of the world's top automakers like General Motors, DaimlerChrysler, Ford and Toyota, has written a set of safety standards for vehicle technology. Under those standards, the automakers agreed to design DVD players and in-car televisions so that the driver cannot not see them while the car is in motion. They also agreed not to make devices that obstruct the driver's view or require the use of more than one hand.

"The goal is to minimize both visual and mental distractions," said Gloria Bergquist, vice president of the alliance. Bergquist said the industry believes it has drawn up guidelines that strike a proper balance between encouraging the design of entertainment-related features and keeping drivers safe.

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"The old driver distractions such as the crying child in the back seat remains as powerful as ever," she added. "Today, however, a DVD player can help avoid that distraction by keeping the kids happy and entertained."

Still, with navigation systems, DVD players, speaker phones and satellite radio, some experts said that drivers have too many gadgets diverting their eyes from the road. And since the use of these potentially distracting technologies in vehicles is a relatively new phenomenon, there is little research on their safety.

"There's not as much data as

we'd like to say how many people each year are killed because of these various devices," said Paul A. Green, a scientist at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

Green oversaw a study in which drivers were asked to operate a navigation system while they performed normal driving tasks, like switching lanes. The results, he said, were not encouraging. On average, he found that drivers take 5.4 seconds to read and to process an electronic map.

"We see that use of these devices, depending on the task, can degrade driving significantly," Green said.

But he added that since navigation systems help to keep drivers from getting lost, the benefits of having one could outweigh the negatives.

"It's not as if all these devices all the time are bad," he said. "Navigation systems provide lots of nice safety benefits."

Automakers may be getting the message to make car technology less distracting. But it would be a mistake to conclude that voice-activated, hands-free features make the roads safer, Green said.

"There's this notion that speech is this panacea," he said. "It has the possibility to be a solution, but it depends on the implementation."

Joseph Coughlin, a professor at MIT who has done research on driver distractions, said new technologies are being put in cars faster than drivers can learn how to use them. "We have too much of a good thing," Coughlin said. "A lot of these things are coming

into the car and we're taught how to use them.

One example of this is BMW's iDrive, which lets drivers operate it, drivers near the gear through a series of buttons that control the climate system.

BMW's iDrive in 2002 had the world's most complex, most integrated, most complex systems to have to use to make a car.

Acura's new Honda Motor Damper offers hands-free cell phone systems models.

The availability of a wireless technology to link cell phones to car systems, is also expanding.

In Zeidenstein's RL, Bluetooth enables him to walk from his home while talking on the phone to transfer the call to speakers at the push of a button. Bluetooth, combined with other gadgets in the car, could be overwhelming drivers, he said.

"You might get the idea it could be sensory overload," Zeidenstein said. "I believe he is any new car."

"It's no more dangerous than my old car. My old one did not have all these gizmos."

## A burning yearning to go to the annual auto show and see the cars

BY BILL GRIFFITH  
THE BOSTON GLOBE

As I drove during morning rush hour to the New England International Auto Show, a burning smell permeated the passenger cabin of my 1997 sedan every time traffic stopped. The sniff test kept saying the odor was similar to the one you encounter on an interstate when a truck has locked its brakes and blown a tire.

Worry, worry. Could the clutch be burning out? Had a caliper on the disc brakes gotten hung up?

The odor was as strong as ever in the parking lot. "That smells like trouble," sniffed a fellow who was getting out of an SUV in the adjoining space. Gee, thanks, I thought. And so it was with this problem hanging over my head that I toured the cars — mentally shopping — beginning with the new Pontiac G6 and Buick LaCrosse. The G6 is a gracefully curved replacement for Pontiac's long-term mainstay, the Grand Am, a workhorse vehicle that's been around for more than a decade. We were struck by

the good rear seat legroom, the funky four-panel sliding sunroof, comfortable seats, upgraded interior, and Euro styling that has little overhang outside the wheels, a cue that handling should be much improved.

GM said the LaCrosse would be the quietest sedan in its mid-luxury class, with cushy interiors and more road feel than the historic Buick "floaty" ride. That all seemed apparent, but sitting in back revealed precious little headroom. Some other brands we

checked out at the Boston show, which ended last Sunday: Chevrolet, where the featured vehicle was the new Cobalt coupe that is replacing the venerable Cavalier. The Cobalt features upgrades on its predecessor all around — engines, build quality, interior appointments, with "quiet steel" and hydraulic suspension bushings. It's geared to be a high-volume entry in the affordable market segment (\$14,000 base to \$22,000 for a tuner's supercharged dream car). Jeep showed off its new Grand

Cherokee. It looks a lot like the old, which Jeep senior manager Mike Berube said was one of the goals. "We wanted to keep the vehicle's heritage, size, and off-road capabilities," he said. "What we wanted to add was better on-road capability and more amenities." The Scion xB just makes you smile. "You have to love the box," said John Paul, the AAA "Car Doctor." Subaru had a dozen cars on display — all silver.

The JagWag, Jaguar's 2005 X-type sports wagon, is neat-looking

— then again, so is a convertible. It was a car on the show floor, highlighting the reality that a convertible parking lot.

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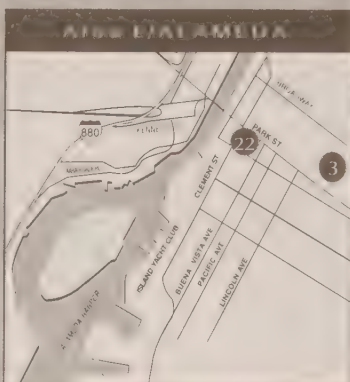
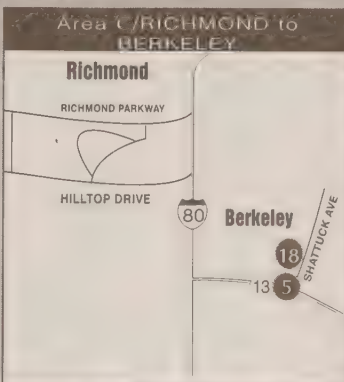
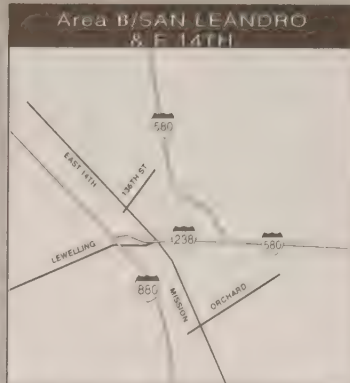
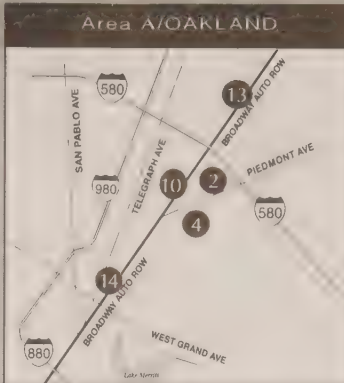
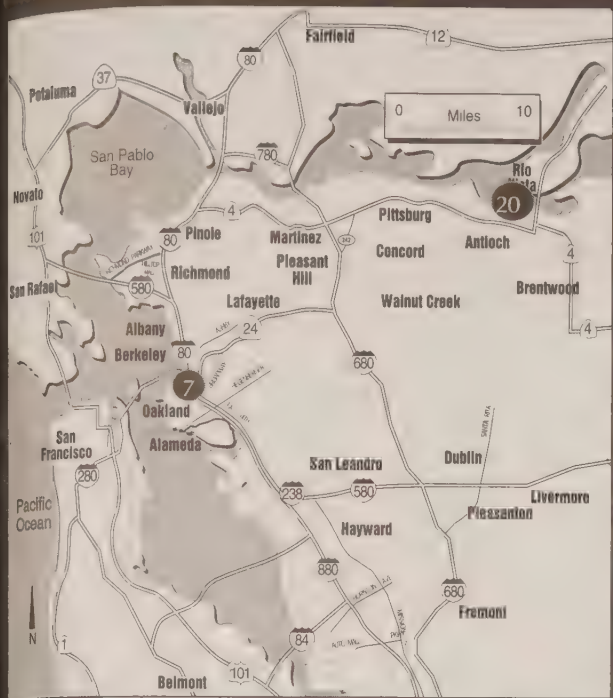
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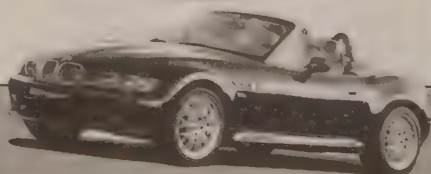
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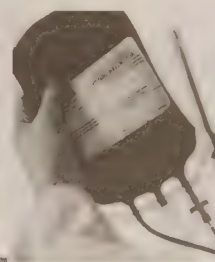
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Manage the development and medical monitoring of clinical trials for Chiron's Meningococcal vaccine development programs. Design, prepare and initiate study protocols and other required documentation in compliance with project plans, federal regulations, GCP, and good medical practice. Requires MD with strong background in infectious diseases/pediatrics/preventive medicine, with 2-5 years of clinical development experience highly desired. **44002877-RK**

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Develop and manufacture small molecule oral formulations to support clinical development and commercialization. Provide technical leadership and project management strategy for small molecule drug product development and interface with cross-functional groups drawn from Research, Development, Operations and Marketing. Requires PhD in the Pharmaceutical Sciences or related discipline with 10+ years of experience in a pharmaceutical R&D environment. **44002306-JS**

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Must have good understanding of and at least 5 years experience in molecular biological techniques and cell biology, including vector construction, protein expression analysis, culture of a diversity of lines, and generation of stable cell lines using retroviral technology. Specific experience with signal transduction pathway analysis would be a bonus. **44002780-RK**

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Manage the development and medical monitoring of clinical trials. Design, prepare and initiate study protocols and other required documentation in compliance with project plans, federal regulations, GCP, and good medical practice. Requires MD with a strong background in infectious diseases/pediatrics/preventive medicine, and familiarity with clinical trials. **44001905-KO**

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Working a scientist with experience in preclinical development of monoclonal antibody therapeutics to lead projects in oncology through the antibody discovery phase up to IND-enabling studies. Requires PhD or MD/PhD in Immunology, Oncology, or related areas, and a minimum of 10 years post-graduate experience, including a minimum of 5 years in biotech or pharmaceuticals. **44002909-RK**

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Provide technical support to Chiron's Intellectual Property Department, including performing searches for the patent scientific literature, writing summaries of the results of research, and performing patentability searches for new inventions. Requires BS or BA in relevant technical field, graduate degree preferred, with 3-5 years of research experience. **44002926-DB**

## PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST, DEVELOPMENT

Participate in the characterization of biopharmaceutical products and their variants using mass spectrometry (ESI and MALDI), amino acid analysis, N-terminal sequencing, and associated protein chemistry and sample preparation techniques. Requires PhD in Chemistry, Biochemistry, or related discipline, with emphasis in Analytical Chemistry, and 7+ years of relevant technical experience. **44001503-JS**

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Participate in the development, assay validation, and assay transfer with Analytical Development, Analytical Operation, and other Chiron Divisions. Also responsible for assay troubleshooting for QC Operations and QC Raw Materials. Requires PhD in Chemistry, Biochemistry, or related discipline with emphasis in Analytical Chemistry, with 5+ years of relevant technical and supervisory experience. **44001784-JS**

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Work with scientists, clinicians and technical staff to understand the actions of tissue factor pathway inhibitor for the treatment of human diseases. Work involves handling human tissues and cell lines to characterize biological activities of TFPI as well as suitable application of molecular biology and biochemistry to support mechanism studies. Requires PhD or equivalent, postdoctoral training in a relevant area, and at least 8 years of industry experience. **44002908-RK**

## QA SPECIALIST I/II

Support the QA Manager with managing the Chiron relationships for both internal clients as well as external contract partners. Act as a QA point of contact for all issues related to documentation and product release. In addition, support the management of QA internal schedule for technical review of manufacturing records, related test results, and discrepancy reports. Requires BA/BS in a scientific discipline or equivalent with a minimum of 5 years of related QA/QC experience. Minimum of 3 years of supervisory experience. **44002803-JS**

## SCIENTIST II, RESEARCH

Participate in and perform the design, development, execution and implementation of research projects pertaining to the bioassays department. Experience with enzyme assay development, enzymology, and high-throughput screening formats is required. Requires PhD in a relevant scientific discipline or equivalent. Postdoctoral work and 1-5 years of related experience is desirable. **44002451-RK**

## SCIENTIST I, RESEARCH

Involved in variety of efforts supportive of our goal to discover biomarkers and molecular signatures predictive of patient response to therapy. Manage a large Tissue Bank, and help to develop a database to support the Tissue Bank. Requires a PhD and at least 2 years post doctoral experience. Experience in cell culture, RNA/DNA/protein preparation, RT-PCR, DNA sequencing, ELISA, western blots, gel-shift assays and analysis of Affymetrix microarray-based mRNA expression data is required. **44002477-RK**

## SENIOR COMPUTER VALIDATION CORPORATE SPECIALIST

Support the Computer System Validation program, responsible for providing guidance and expertise on Chiron's policies and procedures, regulatory requirements and industry best practices related to computer system validation and 21CFR Part 11. Requires Bachelor's degree or equivalent in a scientific discipline or related area with a minimum of 5 years of professional related work experience in pharmaceutical or medical device industry, and 3 years of relevant experience in computer systems validation. **44002731-JS**

## SENIOR SCIENTIST, RESEARCH

Design and conduct drug metabolism studies to enhance small molecules drug discovery and development. Construct predictive models, and present drug metabolism results and data interpretation to multidisciplinary groups and project teams. Position requires PhD in a relevant field, along with 5+ years experience in conducting drug metabolism and disposition studies, and an excellent understanding of ADME/PK science as related to drug discovery and development. **44002580-RK**

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## SENIOR SCIENTIST, RESEARCH

Lead projects in oncology from the antibody discovery phase up to IND-enabling studies. Requires PhD or MD/PhD in Immunology, Oncology, or related areas, and a minimum of 8 years experience in biotech or pharmaceuticals. **44002626-RK**

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## SPECIALIST II, DEVELOPMENT

Analytical method development and assay validation for small molecule pharmaceuticals during development and manufacturing. Support Formulation and Process Development activities, and contribute to the experimental design and interpretation of data in order to ensure completeness and accuracy for transfer of technology to QC. Requires a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Chemistry or Biochemistry, with a minimum of 5-10 years experience in analytical chemistry. **44002654-JS**

## SPECIALIST II, QA/QC

Overall responsibility for QA Microbiology laboratory, overseeing the training and daily supervision of Microbiology Analysts in the performance of in process, release, stability testing, and technical review of data generated for commercial or clinical products. Requires Bachelor's or Master's degree in Microbiology or a related science, and minimum 6+ years experience in the Biotechnology or Pharmaceutical industries. **44002827-JS**

## SPECIALIST II, QA/QC

Coordinate activities associated with DR resolution: track status of outstanding DRs; distribute routine status reports to management; organize cross-functional meetings to facilitate investigations; and publish notes and action items from meetings. Requires BA/BS in the Biological Sciences, and at least 4 years of related technical experience with significant QA experience. **44002553-JS**

## SPECIALIST I, QA/QC

Responsibilities include development, assay validation, and assay transfer with Analytical Development, Analytical Operation, and other Chiron divisions. Requires a BS in Chemistry, Biochemistry, or related discipline, with emphasis in Analytical Chemistry, 5+ years of relevant technical experience, and strong technical proficiency with HPLC method development. **44002532-JS**

## SPECIALIST I, RESEARCH

Requires good understanding of and 7 years experience in molecular biological techniques and in cell biology. Requires specific experience with kinases, signal transduction pathway analysis and oncogenic transformation assays. High degree of motivation, and ability to act as part of a team and clearly present data in both verbal and written form are essential. **44002781-RK**

## SPECIALIST I, RESEARCH

Responsible for expression, in prokaryotic and eukaryotic systems, of potentially therapeutic proteins and cancer associated protein targets. Duties include generation of appropriate expression constructs, initial analysis of protein expression and entry of results into a central database. Requires a minimum of 7 years of related experience with a BS, or minimum 5 years of experience with a Master's degree or equivalent. **44002902-RK**

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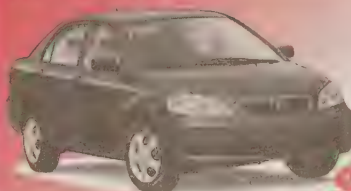
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■ Start a "keepsake recipe box" for your child so you can keep track of favorite recipes.

### WHITE FUDGE COOKIE CUTTER GIFTS

5 open metal 6-inch cookie cutters

1 (12-ounce) package (2 cups) white vanilla chips

1 (16-ounce) can vanilla ready-to-spread frosting

1/2 teaspoon cherry extract

Decorating icing

Colored sugar

Candies

Cellophane or plastic wrap

Ribbon

Line large cookie sheet with foil; spray foil with nonstick cooking spray. Generously spray open metal 6-inch cookie cutters; place on sprayed foil lined cookie sheet.

Melt white vanilla chips in medium saucepan over low heat, stirring frequently until smooth. Remove from heat. Stir in frosting and cherry extract.

Fill each cookie cutter with 1/2 cup melted mixture. Refrigerate about 1 hour or until firm. Decorate as desired.

Wrap each filled cookie cutter gift with cellophane; tie with ribbon. Store in refrigerator.

Prep time: 25 minutes (ready in 1 hour 25 minutes), makes 5 gifts — 4 servings each.

### SNOWMAN FACES

1 cup vanilla ready-to-spread frosting (from 16-ounce can)

3 ounces vanilla flavored candy coating or almond bark, chopped

20 creme filled vanilla or chocolate sandwich cookies

1 tablespoon miniature semi-



CANDY CLAY, clockwise from above, white fudge cookie cutter gifts and snowman faces make fun and festive holiday treats.

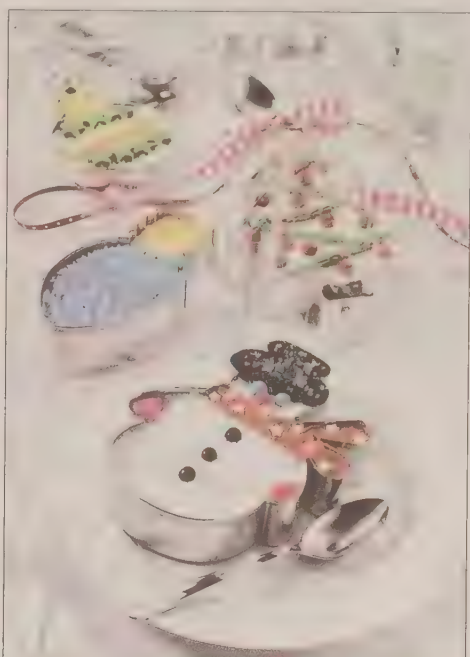
sweet chocolate chips  
10 small gumdrops  
2 orange slice jelly candies, flattened slightly  
Red decorating gel  
Line cookie sheets with waxed paper. In small saucepan, combine 3/4 cup of the frosting and the candy coating. Melt over low heat, stirring occasionally until smooth. Remove from heat.  
With tongs, dip each cookie in melted frosting mixture, coating completely. Lay cookies flat on waxed paper lined cookie sheet.

Let stand about 10 minutes or until set.

Meanwhile, place remaining 1/4 cup frosting in small resealable food storage plastic bag. Cut tiny hole in bottom corner of bag.

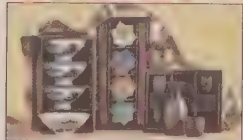
On each sandwich cookie, use small amount of frosting to attach chocolate chips for eyes. Cut each gumdrop in half; attach cut sides with frosting to sides of cookie to resemble earmuffs.

Attach small wedge cut from



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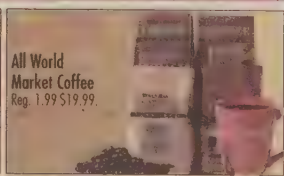
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## Secrets to successful holiday photos

**MS**  
The holiday season offers many magical moments you'll want to treasure for years to come. Family gatherings are an ideal time to document family history. To help preserve these magical moments, one in four Americans will scrapbook their memories this year. With today's technology, it's easy to capture your family history and preserve your special memories. Here are some things to think about before the next family event.

1. Record what you know about family members — birth dates and birthplaces, married names and maiden names, spouses and other family members. This will help pinpoint any missing information.

2. Make a list of the shots you want to take. Consider groupings of generations, such as all grandparents, or grandparents with grandchildren. Try posing all siblings or cousins, or even those who share a family name. For fun, arrange family members from the youngest to oldest, or tallest to shortest. Or, document milestones by photographing the oldest, the

youngest, or the family member who came the farthest.

3. Take your photos early in the day. Everyone will still be fresh and smiling, the kids will be clean, and you won't risk running out of time.

4. Don't underestimate the number of photos you'll want to take. If you're using a traditional camera, pack plenty of film. If you're using a digital camera, be sure to bring extra memory cards. Consider including a few disposable cameras that can be passed around to all in attendance, so you can gather multiple perspectives of the event.

5. During the event, interview family members who can fill in the missing blanks in your family survey. Ask about childhood memories, family traditions and recipes, and what they've accomplished since the last gathering.

6. After the event, ensure that your family history is preserved for future generations. A downside to digital photography is that most computer printer inks are not moisture resistant, and digital prints are more likely to smear, run and fade than traditional photos.

To ensure long-lasting photo quality, archivists say certain steps should be taken. Krylon's Preserve It! (R) is a spray-on digital photo and paper protectant which doubles the life of digital and traditional photos, protects them from early aging and makes them resistant to moisture and fading. It's used by artists and fine institutions for the preservation of priceless artwork, and consumers can use the same advanced technology to preserve their home photos.

Easy-to-use Preserve It!, available in matte and gloss finishes, dries quickly, and its clear formula will not alter the finished photos. Use it to protect the written family history you've recorded, too.

7. Finally, store your photos correctly. Basements and attics are two of the worst places to store precious photos and other papers. Also, do not display photos in direct sunlight. Instead, store them in a cool place, away from high humidity.

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## Create a priceless holiday

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What parent or grandparent hasn't labored lovingly over their holiday shopping list, deciding on the perfect gift for family members and friends? You wander the aisles of the toy or clothing store, but nothing seems quite right. Finding the right presents for loved ones — especially babies and children — can be challenging.

Trends and interests often change frequently, but you can give a gift that will last throughout the years and be a token of your love. The holiday season is about creating and sharing memories, and an easy way to do so is through a journal or scrapbook.

By piecing together your thoughts, experiences, photographs and words of wisdom, you can create a keepsake that's perfect to share with youngsters who have only begun to create their own memories. Here are some ways to get this project started:

■ Consider a theme to help you focus your thoughts. If the youngster is a budding athlete, share stories of your sports experiences. Include trading cards or news clips from your youth

and photos of you in uniform. Provide pointers on how he can improve his game.

■ Share family secrets. Create a cookbook with favorite foods that you can make together. Or include tried-and-true instructions on how to build a treehouse or dollhouse. These insider tips can be saved and shared with future generations.

■ Create a photo collage of family, baby and childhood pictures. You can laugh over the images as the child grows older and mention how clothing styles have come and gone. Children often love to look at older photos, especially those of close relatives. Many neighborhood photo centers can duplicate old prints or touch-up imperfections inexpensively.

■ Look for resources that can help you catalog your memories or jump-start new ideas. Generation to Generation: A Legacy of Love and Wisdom is a keepsake journal designed to make recording someone's complete life story both easy and enjoyable. It's designed for sharing what you've learned in life with the next generation.

The journal is filled with questions to draw out significant

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For additional information, call 800-360-2208 or visit [www.LightTheFire.com](http://www.LightTheFire.com).

■ Seek other memories. Help your youngster wish to pass along experiences but also writing your story perhaps you can illness or incarceration or autism help you share your story and words.

For example, to Generation: A Legacy of Love and Wisdom offers guidelines for completing a 12-page count. It can make a keepsake for years.

Getting to know grandparents can help children not only family in a new way, gain a greater sense of who they came from and a delightful holiday

## Stud Buddy instant shelves — just another empty storage

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## Fun

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slightly flattened jelly candy for nose. Draw mouth with red decorating gel. Let stand until frosting is set before storing.

Prep time: 35 minutes, makes 20 cookies.

### CANDY CLAY

10 ounces vanilla flavored

candy coating or almond bark, cut into pieces

1/3 cup light corn syrup

4 food colors (recommend paste form instead of liquid)

2 teaspoons assorted small candies

Line 8-inch square pan with foil; spray foil with nonstick cooking spray. Place candy coating in medium microwave safe bowl. Microwave on High for 1 minute. Stir; continue to microwave in 15-second

increments until coating can be stirred smooth.

Add corn syrup; blend well. Spread candy coating mixture evenly in sprayed foil lined pan. Let stand at room temperature for 20 to 60 minutes or until dough is firm enough to handle.

Spray inside of 4 food storage plastic bags with nonstick cooking spray. Divide dough into 4 sections. Squeeze each section with hands until workable. To color

each section, place dough in sprayed bag. Add food color as desired (about 1/8 teaspoon for 1/4 of dough); knead dough until color is well blended. Turn bag inside out; scrape out dough. Let stand 15 to 30 minutes before

sculpting.

Cut each section of clay into 3 pieces. Sculpt clay as desired. Decorate with small candies. Candy clay will harden when exposed to air. (Store unused clay in sealed plastic bag. Before sculpting, knead

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# Dinnertime in your time with these quick and easy recipes

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... busy, busy.

... so much to do, it's tempt-  
... eliminate cooking from the  
... priority list and succumb to  
... round of pizza, fast food  
... takeout.

... deep down, most of us se-  
... believe there's nothing more  
... than a home-cooked  
... And certainly nothing says  
... like the tantalizing smells  
... drift from a kitchen when  
... something delicious is cooking.  
... mouthwatering aromas  
... the appetite and become  
... memories that can last  
... time.

... you'd like to cook more of-  
... but think you're too busy, try  
... these wholesome, family-pleas-  
... recipes on this page. They  
... no more than 30 minutes  
... to finish and banish the  
... that satisfying, home-cooked  
... are beyond the reach of to-  
... time-pressed families.

... these meals start with pre-  
... smoked sausage and in-  
... specially potatoes to jump-  
... your dinner. Smoked sausage  
... to have on hand in the re-  
... while instant potatoes,  
... as mashed, au gratin or scal-  
... keep well in your cupboard.  
... to use and easy to  
... sausage and potato prod-  
... offer flexibility. If some-  
... unexpected happens to pre-  
... from cooking tonight,  
... ingredients will keep for later  
... week with no worries about  
... or waste. These recipes  
... —so you stay in control,  
... dinnertime in your time.

**Quick and easy**

... there are more dinnertime  
... recipes that will save you time  
... in the kitchen.

... Stock your refrigerator and  
... board with ingredients that are  
... partially prepared so you're  
... to get cooking in an instant.

... addition to smoked sausage  
... specialty potato products,  
... vegetables, packaged salad  
... and bottled salad dress-  
... are helpful to have on hand.

... For greater convenience and  
... use smoked sausage in-  
... of beef or chicken in stir-  
... pasta sauces, soups and  
... and on pizzas.

... Think outside the box. You  
... have soup for dinner, sand-  
... for dinner, even breakfast  
... for a change of pace —  
... case.

... If it's leftovers night, make it  
... at by whipping up some in-  
... flavored mashed potatoes to  
... company that last bit of roast  
... or chicken. Today's instant  
... potatoes taste like fresh  
... are the ultimate convenience.

... Keep a variety of flavors on  
... such as roasted garlic or  
... cream and chives.

... Keep a few extra packages  
... smoked sausage in your  
... where they'll keep well for  
... three months. When you  
... had time to plan the meat  
... dinner, micro-thaw the  
... sausage, then heat and eat. Keep  
... of good-quality mustard on  
... as an accompaniment.

... Add your own simple signa-  
... touches to instant mashed  
... potatoes. Mix in some chopped  
... herbs and top with shred-  
... cheese.

■ Start a collection of 30-minute recipes gathered from newspapers, magazines and Web sites. Try a new one occasionally to add to your cooking rotation for mealtime variety.

■ For more fabulous mealtime ideas for busy family cooks, visit [www.bettycrocker.com](http://www.bettycrocker.com) and [www.hillshirefarm.com](http://www.hillshirefarm.com).

**WESTERN BBQ SAUSAGE AND POTATOES**

1 package (1 pound) Hillshire Farm smoked sausage, sliced  
1/2 medium green and yellow bell peppers, cut into 1-inch pieces  
1 small onion, cut into 1-inch pieces

1 pouch Betty Crocker home-style creamy butter mashed potatoes (from 7.2-ounce box)

Hot water, milk and margarine as called for in mashed potatoes package directions

1 tablespoon parsley flakes or chopped fresh parsley

1 can (11 ounces) whole kernel corn with red and green peppers, drained

1/4 cup barbecue sauce

Spray 10-inch skillet with cooking spray. Cook and stir sausage, bell peppers and onion in skillet about 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

Meanwhile, make potatoes as directed on box for 1 pouch. Stir in parsley and corn. Let stand.

Stir barbecue sauce into sausage mixture. Heat until hot, about 5 minutes. Serve with potatoes.

Tip: Substitute 1 bag (1 pound) frozen stir-fry vegetables (green, red and yellow bell peppers and

onions), thawed, for the bell peppers and onion.

Prep time: 15 minutes, makes 4 servings.

**BOW-TIE PASTA WITH SMOKED SAUSAGE**

12 ounces uncooked bow-tie pasta

1 package (1 pound) Hillshire Farm smoked sausage, sliced

1 jar (16 ounces) Alfredo pasta sauce

1 teaspoon Italian seasoning

1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

Cook and drain pasta as directed on package.

While pasta is cooking, in 10-inch skillet, cook sausage 5 to 6 minutes or until edges begin to brown.

Add cooked pasta, Alfredo sauce and Italian seasoning to sausage. Heat over medium heat until hot. Sprinkle with parsley.

Tip: For a spicier version, try substituting Cajun seasoning for the Italian seasoning.

Prep time: 15 minutes, makes 6 servings.

**POTATO-STUFFED SAUSAGE BOATS**

1 package (1 pound) Hillshire Farm smoked sausage

1 pouch Betty Crocker butter & herb mashed potatoes (from 7.2-ounce box)

Hot water, milk and margarine as called for in mashed potatoes package directions

2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onions

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (2 ounces)

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Cut sausage into 4 pieces; slice each piece lengthwise almost through to bottom, and spread open. Place cut sides up in 13 x 9-inch baking dish.

Make potatoes as directed on box for 1 pouch. Stir in onions and mustard. Spread potato mixture evenly over sausage.

Bake 10 to 15 minutes or until hot. Sprinkle cheese over potatoes; bake about 3 minutes longer or until cheese is melted.

Prep time: 12 minutes, makes 4 servings.

**BROCCOLI CHOWDER**

1 box (4.9 ounces) Betty Crocker au gratin potatoes

2 cups milk

1/2 cup canned or frozen (thawed) whole kernel corn

1/4 cup chopped celery

2 cans (14 1/2 ounces each) chicken broth

1 package (9 ounces) frozen cut broccoli

1-1/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese (6 ounces)

In Dutch oven, heat potatoes, sauce mix and remaining ingredients except cheese to boiling over high heat, stirring occasionally and breaking up broccoli with fork.

Reduce heat; cover and simmer 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are tender.

Stir in cheese. Cover and simmer about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until cheese is melted.

Tip: Top off bowls of steaming chowder with popped popcorn or fish-shaped crackers.

Prep time: 5 minutes, makes 8 servings.



THE SNOWBALLS can be grouped in a bowl or stuck to a window so they appear to be flying.

## Snowball tabletop decoration

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These personality-plus snowballs are a silly decoration all winter long.

**What you need:**

- 4-inch foam ball, such as Styrofoam
- Table knife
- Foam balls, such as Styrofoam, in various sizes
- White air-dry clay, such as Crayola Model Magic clay
- White glitter
- Blue beads
- Spoon
- Pencil with round-tip eraser
- Removable poster putty

**Instructions**

On a well-protected work sur-

face, cut a 4-inch foam ball in half with a table knife. This will be used for the top snowball.

Roll out smooth pieces of white clay about 1/4-inch thick, and smooth around foam balls and a ball half. Make small round balls for eyes and noses. Press in two small blue beads for the eyes. Make the eyebrows with small pieces of rolled clay. Make different shaped mouths with the eraser end of a pencil, or use a spoon.

Sprinkle white glitter onto clay while it is still moist. Roll around on clean surface to press in glitter.

Let the pieces dry. To hang, use small amounts of removable poster putty to stick the balls together and stick to windows.



THESE FAMILY-PLEASING recipes take no more than 30 minutes from start to finish.

## Christmas tree safety

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What would Christmas be without the family gathered around the tree to open presents? Christmas trees are a symbol of the holiday and a major focus of seasonal decorating. Not only do they fill your house with an inviting pine scent, Christmas trees act as a focal and gathering point for the family. When you purchase your Christmas tree from a vendor or cut your own from a tree farm, heed the important advice to keep it well watered. This will help maintain its fresh fragrance and deep color through the holiday, as well as prevent it from becoming a fire hazard.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, a department of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Christmas trees account for more than 400 fires annually, resulting in deaths, injuries and millions of dollars in home damage. Typically these fires are started by

shorts in the electrical system of tree lights, candle flames, or matches and lighters ignited near tree limbs.

Well-watered trees can fend off a fire. Dry, neglected trees have the propensity to go up like a torch. It only takes seconds for a tree fire to spread to uncontrollable levels. To prevent the possibility of fire in your home, play it safe with your tree:

- Keep the tree stand filled with water daily.
- Inspect electrical lines for shorts or frayed wiring.
- Do not use lit candles on your tree — you're asking for trouble.
- Keep open flames, cigarettes and other fire-inducing objects away from the tree.
- Place your tree away from radiators, heaters or fireplaces so it won't dry out as quickly or catch fire.
- If your tree already shows signs of dryness, remove it from your house.

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# Amy Brakeman's top 10 uncommon family holiday destinations for winter 2004-2005

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Tired of the same old vacation spots? Look beyond the family favorites of Hawaii, Orlando and skiing in the Western U.S. for winter vacation, says Amy Brakeman, travel writer and editor of The Uncommon Scoop, a newsletter and online service delivering news and reviews on out-of-the-way vacations. Brakeman issues her top ten 'uncommon' holiday destinations for winter 2004-2005, trips that offer you and your family an exceptional opportunity for education and bonding. Weather and travel experts and Amy's well-traveled network report that winter is a great time to visit these locations. As you research your options for this year's holiday stays, keep in mind that once your children are schooled, they are readier than you think for the 'road less traveled' (but more thoroughly enjoyed).

## Guest ranches

If you think dude ranches are only fun in the summer, think again. Off the Beaten Path, a provider of distinctive Western adventures, offers a New Year's trip to Yellowstone National Park and a guest ranch in Montana. And its not all about horses—more about enjoying the great outdoors. After participating in outdoor adventures including cross-country skiing, watching elk and buffalo, horse-drawn sleigh rides, and ice skating, visit a hot spring and enjoy gourmet meals and warm fires.

For a Western adventure in a warmer climate, try one of the family-friendly guest ranches in Arizona including Tanque Verde, with its indoor pool or Rancho de los Caballeros, which also offers 72 holes of golf (dads, sit up and pay attention to this one). While it may not be outdoor swimming weekend, average daily highs hit the low 60's and the weather is comfortable for hiking, mountain biking, tennis, and, of course, horseback riding.

## Key Biscayne, Fla.

As far south as you can fly directly in the U.S., Key Biscayne is off the coast of Miami. Not only does it offer long, wide beaches, a state park complete with lighthouse and an aquatic park, but also the varied activities of Miami are minutes away. Depending on your budget and style preferences, you can choose from accommodations ranging from the beachfront to the Silver Sands Beach Resort, a simple motel, to the Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne, a luxury resort.

The Sonesta Key Biscayne is a particularly good choice for families because of its excellent kids' camp, large pool, beach with water sports and service, playground, fresh and contemporary décor, and multiple restaurant options including room service. Kids (and kids-at-heart), enjoy making jewelry there with Judy, who comes to the Sonesta daily and helps kids make bracelets and more. Kids adore the kids' camp—not for its great facilities and activities—but even more for its lively and attentive counselors.

## The Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Walk and swim among animals in their natural environment—an exhilarating experience for all ages. Visit different islands on a three-to-seven-day cruise going ashore each morning and afternoon for a naturalist-led tour. You can also swim, snorkel, and even kayak on some trips, with the sea lions swimming up to greet you.

Two of the best boats for families include the Evolution, for 32 passengers, and the Eclipse, for 48 passengers. Both allow you the opportunity to meet other families while going ashore in small numbers. Many boats offer special family departures and you can expect other families to be onboard all sailings during school breaks. These trips are very popular so book far

in advance.

## European capitals

While you can't argue that the weather is best in Europe in the winter, most capital cities have magical decorations, concerts and events for the December holidays. Jim Zurer, a travel agent specializing in Italy, says, "For Christmas/New Years, don't overlook Florence, Rome and Venice—they are all dressed up in their holiday finery." Rome offers the festive Christmas marketplace at Piazza Novena.

In addition to the merchants selling their traditional treats and gifts, there are beautiful fountains and lights, visits from Santa, and nativity scenes. A favorite in London is ice-skating on the rink behind Somerset House, around a fire tree sparkling in lights. Don't forget that London has gorgeous toy stores including Hamley's on Regent Street. While there, take in the Christmas lights on Oxford and Cambridge Streets.

## Costa Rica

Families love Costa Rica because it offers wonderful activities and wildlife. Your itinerary can range from lounging in hot springs near Arenal Volcano, to riding on zip-lines among the animals and birds playing in the tree canopy, to horseback riding on the Pacific coast beaches. Liz Spander, travel agent at Casto Travel, sends many families to Costa Rica each winter. She recommends the skywalk or trek in the Monteverde cloud forest, as well as a river-rafting trip in the jungle near San Jose.

Moreover, there are several wonderful eco-lodges that allow tourists to get close to nature, yet protect the area at the same time, including the Monteverde Lodge, Mawamba Lodge, Corcovado Tent Camp, and Bosque de Paz. Resort hotels like Si Como No and Lapa Rios are also great options for families.

## Turks & Caicos Islands

If you seek a beautiful beach vacation that is easily accessible from the U.S., but is not yet exceedingly built-up, consider the Turks & Caicos Islands. The main island of Providenciales, known as Provo, features several condominium hotels with the space and kitchen facilities that families adore. It is famous for its 12-mile sandy beach where the condo hotels are located. Better yet, there are many non-stop flights from the U.S. mainland. One favorite family activity is snorkeling off the beach at Smith's Reef. You can walk out a few feet and see a variety of tropical fish and coral below.

Another favorite is joining a day trip to dive for conch shells and sand dollars. For an attractive condo hotel, try either The Sands at Grace Bay or Ocean Club West. For the best in luxury, rent a villa with a butler at the hotel at Parrot Cay, another island in the chain.

## Volunteer vacations

If you want to share your service values with your children, and at the same time enjoy a close connection with another culture, consider doing a family service program. Many organizations match travelers in the U.S. and overseas.

Three are particularly able to match families: Cross-Cultural Solutions, Global Citizens Network, and Global Citizens Network. One family of six from Vermont who went to Costa Rica last year over the holidays reported having an enriching and educational experience. Working alongside the residents and other volunteers, they helped build a wall for a schoolhouse.

Lisa, the mother of the clan, tells us, "Our kids unanimously say that being immersed in the life of the small village of Cebadilla (Costa Rica) was the highlight of the trip. My boys didn't even need words to make new friends. They pushed each other around in wheelbar-

rows, chased each other, stole one another's hats, drew pictures and played games on the school's chalkboard."

## Skiing in Italy

Not only does Italy have beautiful mountains and charming villages but they also have excellent cuisine. What child—or adult, for that matter—can resist homemade pasta, pizza, or gelato? Jim Zurer, an independent travel agent who focuses exclusively on Italy, raves, "From the Val d'Aosta near the French border, to the Dolomites on the Austrian border, the Italian Alps are a big winter playground. Better yet, all of the resorts are family friendly."

Neil Goodman of Select Italy, an Italian specialist travel planner recommends, "The Italian ski-resort town of Courmayeur is a charming old village perched under beautiful Mont Blanc [15,780 feet], the highest mountain in Europe. The locals are friendly, the skiing and snowfall abundant and the nightlife lively. Because of its location, on the border of France and near Zermatt, Switzerland, skiers have the opportunity to ski three different countries in one visit."

Finally, Fabrizio Ferrucci, a ski enthusiast and professional wine expert from Chianti, advises, "The Dolomites are fantastic. You can ski all day and never do the same run twice. The best places are Selva Val Gardena, Ortisei, and Canazei. In Ortisei, there is a fantastic hotel called The Adler with great food and spa." My pick would be the Hotel Rosa Alpina, in the Dolomites, with its charming architecture, devoted service, and excellent food.

## New Zealand/Australia

An active family destination is New Zealand. One family of six in the Uncommon Travels network participated in 17 sports during their two-week visit. Queensland, on the South Island, is the sporting capital of New Zealand offering the typical, golf and tennis, to the uncommon, bungee jumping, hang gliding, and even luging. Some favorite inns include Arthur's Pass Wilderness Lodge, Kauri Cliffs Lodge, Edgewater Resort and Lake Moeraki Wilderness Lodge. While there, join a Lord of the Rings tour. Liz Spando says, "The one must-do destination in New Zealand is the Milford Sound where dramatic 6,000 foot mountains rise from the sea."

On Australia, Liz says "It is difficult to see Australia in less than two weeks, there is so much to do. A trip to Sydney combined with a stay on one of the islands on the Great Barrier Reef, either Hayman, Heron or Lizard Island, is a good start." Margaret Klingenberg, president of Covington Travel, planned a father-daughter trip to Australia last December. A highlight of their trip was climbing the catwalks and ladders to the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge with its magnificent views. Another was seeing the fireworks on New Year's Day. She recommends a must-see visit to Kangaroo Island—an unspoiled wilderness area where you can visit the world famous kangaroos and koalas as well as seals, sea lions, and penguins.

## Small boat cruising

One family sailing is American Safari Cruise's "Kids in Nature Program" on a yacht along the Sea of Cortez, Mexico. Our travelers who sailed on American Safari Cruises in Alaska in June rave about the company, saying, "The food and service were incredible. We kept hoping for a meal we wouldn't like because we were so full. The nat-

# Quick, coiled Christmas tree ornaments

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Add sparkle to any tabletop with metallic trees dripping in jewels. Topped with a brilliant star, these shining trees are stunning when grouped together in various sizes.

## What you need:

- Bottle with narrow neck
- Armature wire approximately 45 inches long
- Tracing paper
- Pencil
- 38-gauge gold and silver aluminum
- Wire cutters
- Scissors
- Hot-glue gun and hot-glue sticks
- Rhinestones and gems

## Instructions

Find a bottle. Try to find a bottle with a narrow neck that tapers to a wider bottom. It should have a cone shape to coil around. Some soft drink bottles will work. Catsup, salad dressing, and wine bottles also work well. Holding the bottle firmly, wrap the wire around the bottle, beginning on the top and winding downward. Keep the wire taut, and each revolution around the bottle should be wound tightly against the next.

When the piece of wire is completely wound, remove from bottle. Lift the wire upward off the narrow end. Adjust the coil to desired shape, pulling apart to increase height and widen or narrow coils to desired shape. Experiment with different bottles and a variety of wire lengths to create trees tall and thin, short and plump, leaning or perfectly straight.

Point the top end of the wire upward to hold the star.

Trace a star pattern. Draw shapes onto aluminum using a sharp pointed pencil. Cut out star shapes from aluminum using scissors. Cut tiny slits on the inside points of the large star.

Lay the small star centered on top of the large star. Fold in the

edges of the back of the front star. Leave an opening onto the top of the wire of hot glue to hold the star. Add gems to the star. Immediately pull the glue. Place one at the end of the coil and add to point of the star.



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uralist guide was a Montessori teacher and taught us so much and had clever activities for the children including pressed flower projects." Martin Kupper, founder of Martin Kupper Travel, tells us of another exceptional operator called the Boat Company. He describes, "They are a laid-back and very family-oriented group. While they have been specializing in Alaska, they will be starting trips to Costa Rica and Panama this winter."

This list was compiled by Amy Brakeman, founder and publisher of Uncommon Travels. Amy, with her husband and two daughters, explores the globe—making new friends and learning about history, nature, and other cultures.

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# Cookbooks for everyone on your list — family, friends, that special someone

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Bookstore browsing is one of the great pleasures. But when it comes to an overwhelming range of cookbook choices, it may be time to separate the wheat from the chaff. We've broken down our list of favorites into specific picks for the cooks on your gift list.

## Vegetarian

What's more American than apple pie? Perhaps a Cheddar-Pecan Pie. Those are just a couple of the 25 apple versions in the 300 Tried-and-True Recipes "Delicious Homemade Pies" (Crown Common Press, \$24.95 hardcover).

This excellent book has put all the pieces in place for baking traditional favorites and for expanding the repertoire of even the most experienced baker.

One of the cookie essentials, including peanut butter, sugar, oatmeal and chocolate chip, are in the King Arthur Flour Cookie Companion: The Essential Cookie Cookbook (The Countryman Press, \$29.95). But it also covers about every other facet of baking and decorating cookies, from rolling a gingerbread house to piping 25 biscotti variations to making the humble graham cracker.

Coconut Cream Pie, Red Velvet Cake and Cola Cake with Peanut Butter Frosting are a few of the old-fashioned desserts that have appeared on bake-sale tables for decades. And they make a welcome appearance in "Baking with the Heart: A Share Our Strength Book to Fight Hunger" (Share Our Strength Books, \$29.95). More than 50 of the nation's bakers share their recipes and memories, and proceeds go to Share Our Strength, an organization that has fought hunger for over two decades.

International

"I have some delicious new recipes to tell," writes Marcella Hazen in her most recent, and perhaps final, cookbook, "Marcella" (Harper Collins, \$29.95). And the stories she tells are vintage Hazen.

While she eschews trendy ingredients, her style of cooking never out of fashion, and the book is a pleasure to read and to cook from. Hazen now makes her home in Florida, a world away from her beloved Venice, but she's kept her techniques to the point that's now available to her.

"Ingredients are always making suggestions that I like to listen to," she tells us. Listen in on conversation and learn from a wise teacher.

Fans of Indian restaurants may be haunted by the idea of preparing complex cuisine at home, but "Indian Home Cooking: A Step-By-Step Introduction to Indian Food" (Clarkson Potter, \$32.50) will inspire even the most hesitant among them.

Saran begins with straightforward recipes, then varies them with aromatic flavors from spices to exotic ingredients wherever possible — and mouth-watering recipes contribute to a terrific addition to the culinary library.

"The Breath of a Wok: Unlocking the Spirit of Chinese Wok Cooking Through Recipes and Stories" by Grace Young and Alan Richardson (Simon & Schuster, \$24.95) is a lovely book, elegantly written and beautifully photographed, that honors one of the most revered cooking utensils in the world.

Young, a first-generation Chinese American, takes us on a tour of the eight Treasured Tastes of Chinese cooking — stir-frying, smoking, pan-frying, braising, boiling, poaching, steaming and deep frying — and their relationship with the wok.

Perhaps no one else has done more than Martin Yan to advocate Asian food in the American kitchen. And there's no one who can match his fun-loving approach to cooking and eating, as fans of his PBS shows can attest to. In "Martin Yan Quick & Easy" (Chronicle Books, \$24.95) we travel with him across Asia in search of simple, tasty dishes that translate well to our frantic lifestyle.

Vegetarian

"Cook 1.0: A Fresh Approach to the Vegetarian Kitchen" by Heidi Swanson (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$27.50) may be a beginner's course in vegetarian eating, but anyone looking for interesting ideas to add variety to everyday meals will find much to consider.

Minimal ingredients and simple techniques are the building blocks, and the colorful graph layout arranges 35 basic recipes with 200 variations in an easy-to-use format.

Kids cook

Rachael Ray has made a name for herself on the Food Network with her popular series "30-Minute Meals." And her terrific, hands-on approach works great in "Cooking Rocks: 30-Minute Meals for Kids" (\$16.95, Lake Isle Press).

The book's chapters are broken down by children's ages (4 to 6, at least 7, 12 to 16) so that pint-size cooks can build their confidence with each kitchen session. Clean, colorful illustrations and recipes that kids would actually like to eat make this a winner.

Megan and Jill Carle are sisters with eclectic tastes who love to cook and eat. Along with their mom, Judi Carle, they've written "Teens Cook: How to Cook What You Want to Eat" (Ten Speed Press, \$19.95) that's filled with zesty recipes and fun, practical tips. Megan's a vegetarian, while Jill's tastes run to basic American chow. Dishes range from potato skins to pot stickers, so even the most finicky teen should find something they want to make in the kitchen.

Eating light

In "Getting Thin and Loving Food: 200 Easy Recipes to Take You Where You Want to Be" (Houghton Mifflin, \$27), author Kathleen Daelemans, another Food Network vet, doesn't ask her readers to do anything she hasn't done herself. She's lost 75 pounds and kept them off, not with fad diets, but with real lifestyle changes.

Daelemans advocates taking "baby steps" through exercise and eating smart. Still, her recipes never skimp on flavor and are so good that anyone can benefit from her advice.

Trendsetters

Nigella Lawson, stylish television host and author, loves a party, and "Feast: Food to Celebrate Life" (Hyperion, \$35) is her ode to ritual and celebration. The book is divided into menus. The traditional holiday feasts of Thanks-

giving, Christmas and New Year's are here. But Lawson also sees reasons to commemorate the most ordinary life experiences through cooking and eating.

Although some of the recipes are very, very British, it's hard to resist Lawson's infectious spirit for bringing people together.

"Bouchon" by Thomas Keller with Jeffrey Cerciello, Susie Heller and Michael Ruhlman (Artisan, \$50) is hands down the most extensive look at bistro cooking we've seen. It runs over 300 pages, spanning all of the quintessential dishes of the genre, from simple vinaigrettes and frisee salad to duck confit and stuffed quail. This is the book for the serious cook on your gift list.

Also worth a mention are:

"The Cast Iron Skillet Cookbook: Recipes for the Best Pan in the Kitchen" by Sharon Kramis and Julie Kramis Hearne (Sasquatch, \$16.95)

"Pure Chocolate" by Fran Bigelow with Helene Siegel (Broadway, \$35)

CURRIED CASHEW AND CAULIFLOWER SOUP

1/4 teaspoon saffron threads, optional

1 cup boiling water

1/2 head cauliflower, cut into bite-size pieces

6 tablespoons oil (peanut or canola), divided

1 tablespoon brown mustard seeds

5 red jalapeno or 8 Thai peppers, stemmed, seeded and roughly chopped

1 cup whole raw cashews

2 tablespoons minced garlic

1 yellow onion, minced

1-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and minced

1 tablespoon kosher salt

2 tablespoons curry powder

2 cans (14 ounces each) coconut milk

1 pound new red potatoes, washed and cut into bite-size pieces

2 to 4 tablespoons lemon juice

2 tablespoons coarsely chopped cilantro or parsley

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Have all of the ingredients chopped and measured. Place saffron threads, if using, and boiling water in a cup. Set aside.

Combine cauliflower and 3 tablespoons oil in a roasting pan; toss to coat well with oil. Roast cauliflower until it begins to crisp and turn golden. Check every 10 minutes and stir occasionally to keep it from burning. When tender and a fork easily pierces through the flesh, remove from oven and set aside.

Meanwhile, pour remaining 3 tablespoons oil into a soup pot and set over medium-high heat. When hot, add mustard seeds and quickly set lid ajar on top of pot. When an aroma similar to popcorn emanates from the pot, add hot peppers and quickly stir until they change color and begin to blister. Add cashews and stir well to coat with oil. Sauté cashews until they

begin to change color. Add garlic and stir about a minute. Then add onion. Stir well, cover and cook 5 minutes or until the onion is translucent and very soft. Add ginger, salt and curry powder. Stir, cover and cook 5 minutes until mixture is very thick.

Whisk in coconut milk until blended. Add to pot along with potatoes and saffron-water. Reduce heat to medium and simmer until potatoes are tender, about 25 minutes. Stir occasionally. Add roasted cauliflower, reduce heat to medium-low and simmer 5 minutes.

Remove from heat and add lemon juice and cilantro. Stir well and adjust to taste with salt. If soup seems too thick add a little water and adjust seasoning again before serving.

Makes 4 to 8 servings.

From "S.O.U.P.S. (Seattle's Own Undeniably Perfect Soups)" by Michael Congdon.

POTATO LEEK SOUP WITH OVEN-ROASTED WILD MUSHROOMS

4 large leeks, white and pale green parts only

4 tablespoons olive oil, divided

3 large russet potatoes (about 3 pounds) peeled and cut into chunks

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

6 cups chicken stock

2 tablespoons minced sage plus 1 big sprig, divided

8 ounces wild mushrooms

1 tablespoon minced chives or Italian parsley

1/2 cup whipping cream

2 tablespoons dry vermouth

Split leeks down the length and rinse well. Chop coarsely. In a large soup pot, heat 2 tablespoons oil over medium heat. Add leeks and cook, stirring, 2 to 3 minutes or until aromatic and beginning to soften. Stir in potatoes with a generous pinch of salt and pepper; stir to mix with leeks. Add chicken stock with sage sprig and bring just to a boil, then lower heat and simmer until potatoes are very tender, 20 to 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Brush or wipe mushrooms, trim and coarsely chop. Drizzle with remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil, tossing to coat evenly. Add chives, minced sage and a good pinch of salt and pepper. Toss to mix. Transfer to an ovenproof skillet and roast in oven until mushrooms are tender and lightly crisp around the edges, 15 to 20 minutes.

When potatoes are tender, remove sage sprig from pot and puree soup using an immersion blender or work in batches using a food processor. Return soup to medium heat and taste for seasoning, adding salt and pepper if needed.

Remove mushrooms from pan. Add cream to the skillet and bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring to scrape up flavorful bits. Reduce liquid to thicken slightly, 1 to 2 minutes. Add vermouth and boil 1 minute longer, then season to taste with salt and pepper. La-

die hot soup into bowls and spoon roasted mushrooms into the center of each. Drizzle cream mixture over the surface of the soup and serve right away.

Makes 6 servings.

Note: The soup can be thinned out if needed with water. Adjust seasonings as necessary.

From "Northwest Homegrown Cookbook Series: Wild Mushrooms" by Cynthia Nims.

GREENGROCCER'S SOUP WITH ONION, PEPPER, RAPINI AND POTATOES

1-1/2 to 2 pounds Idaho potatoes, scrubbed

1 bunch rapini, about 1 pound (see note)

1 large meaty red pepper

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

3 tablespoons butter

2/3 cup chopped onion

2 to 4 cups meat broth

Fine sea salt

Fresh ground black pepper

If baking the potatoes, preheat oven to 450 degrees. Pierce potatoes in several places and bake 50 to 60 minutes, or until very tender when pierced. If boiling the potatoes, drop into boiling water and cook at a moderate boil until tender, about 30 minutes. With either method, cool potatoes, scoop out flesh and mash through a potato ricer. (Although the texture will be different, mash with a potato masher or large fork if you don't have a ricer.) Set aside.

Bring a pan of salted water to a boil. Cut off tops and florets of rapini and set aside for another use. Peel the tough dark-green rind that surrounds the stems. Wash stems in cold water. Add to boiling water and cook until tender. Drain and cut into pieces about 2 inches long.

Cut red pepper lengthwise along its creases; remove stem, seeds and core. Use a swivel-blade peeler to remove skins from peppers. Cut flesh into narrow strips about 2 inches long.

Put oil, butter and chopped onion in a saucepan, turn heat to medium-high and cook, stirring occasionally, until onion becomes colored pale gold. Add rapini stems, turn to coat well and cook about 10 minutes. (Reduce heat if necessary.) Add pepper strips and cook 8 to 10 minutes, stirring from time to time.

5. Add potatoes to pan. Stir well; add salt and several grindings black pepper. Pour enough meat broth into pan to achieve the consistency you desire. Cook at a slow simmer 30 to 40 minutes.

Taste and correct for salt. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Note: The rapini stems can be replaced by 1 1/2 cups mustard green or Swiss chard strips.

From "Marcella says" by Marcella Hazen.

LEBANESE LENTIL SOUP

2 cups lentils

12 cups water

1 tablespoon salt, or to taste

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

2 medium red onions, finely chopped

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

1/4 cup uncooked orzo or acini pepe pasta

Fresh lemon juice (about 3 to 4 tablespoons)

Chopped cilantro or parsley (about 1/4 cup)

Lemon wedges

Combine lentils, water and salt in a 5 to 6 quart pot. Bring to a boil and skim off any scum that rises to the surface. Then lower heat, cover and simmer gently about 20 minutes while you cook the onions.

Heat olive oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add onions and cook, stirring often, until they turn a very dark brown color, about 20 minutes. Stir constantly during last 5 to 10 minutes of cooking to prevent burning. (It may be necessary to reduce heat to medium.)

When onions are well browned, add 1 cup simmering lentil water to the pan with the onions. Stand back; the water will sizzle and steam. Continue cooking, stirring every now and then, until the water has almost totally evaporated, about 5 minutes.

Scrape onion mixture into the pot with the lentils. Stir in the pepper. Cover and simmer 10 more minutes. Add pasta, cover and simmer until just tender and the lentils are completely cooked, about 15 minutes. Remove soup from heat, cool and refrigerate 4 to 6 hours, then reheat before serving. (It needs to stand in order to thicken. The soup can be made a day or two ahead, refrigerated and reheated.)

To serve, reheat soup and ladle into bowls. Stir 1/2 tablespoon lemon juice into each bowl and finish each with a sprinkle of cilantro or parsley. (Or stir all of lemon juice and herbs into pot of soup.) Serve lemon wedges alongside.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

From "Indian Home Cooking" by Suvir Saran and Stephanie Lyness.

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